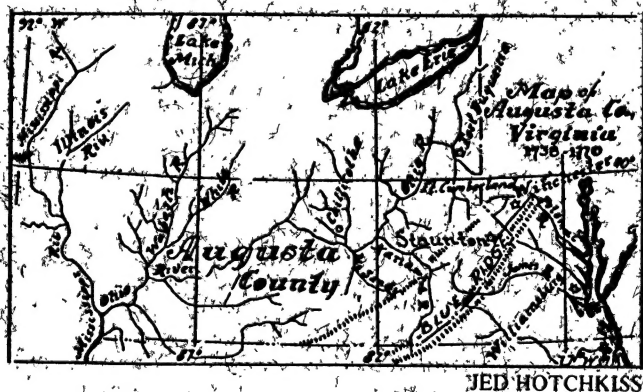


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Program for the Augusta County Historical Society, May 18, 1997

by
J. Marvin Stoner

The ACHS meeting was held in the Waynesboro Historical Museum, 420 West Main Street, Waynesboro, Virginia at 3 PM. The President of the Waynesboro Heritage Foundation, Inc., J. Marvin Stoner presided.

He opened the meeting by welcoming the members and guests of ACHS to the Museum.

The Waynesboro Heritage Foundation, Inc. (WHFI) is a new organization founded in January 1996. The organization grew out of the Waynesboro Historical Commission, a city commission appointed by the City Council. The Commission had been carrying the historical movement in Waynesboro for a number of years, mainly through the efforts of Mrs. Madelon Zakaib, chairperson with support from George Hawke, Walter Hickok and the Director of the Waynesboro Library, Miss Dorothy Reinbold. In the early 1970's Mr. Hickok started a collection of artifacts and documents relating to the history of Waynesboro. These items were stored but not displayed in the City Library by Miss Reinbold. During the following 20 years the movement to preserve history in the city was carried forth by the Publisher of the News-Virginian, Mr. Louis Spilman and the managing editor, Mr. Edward Berlin. They established in the paper a feature called "Days of Yore" which was published every Saturday for 20 plus years. The column, written by Curtis Bowman with the able assistance of his wife, Myrlinne Bowman, grew into a two volume book made up of a collection of these articles.

In July 1994, Mr. Gwaltney, City Manager, with the approval of City Council purchased the Plumb House. Mr. Earl Meese, chairperson for the preservation and restoration of this house will give a presentation on the Plumb House next.

The purchase of the Plumb House set off a renewed interest in preserving the history of the city. After many false starts and projects that went no where Mr. Meese and Stoner, members of the Commission, decided that a public, nonprofit corporation to be funded by contributions from interested citizens was needed to proceed forward in preserving the history of the city. With the legal assistance and "pro bono" efforts of Mr. J.B. Yount the WHFI was formed. WHFI became a corporation in January 1996, received IRS certification as a 501(c)3 charitable organization in May 1997. The purposes of the organization as stated in the Articles of Corporation are: "Exclusively for charitable or educational purposes related to the study, preservation, and perpetuation of the physical, archival, tangible, and intangible history, culture, and heritage of the City of Waynesboro, Virginia, its resi-

dents (past, present and projected future) and surrounding areas, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the United States of America...."

The first meeting of WHFI was held in April 1996, where a Board of Directors and officers were elected. The City Council then turned over the preservation and restoration of the Plumb House to WHFI with ownership of the House to remain with the city. WHFI was also charged with assisting and providing direction for the Bicentennial for the city of Waynesboro during 1997.

Negotiations began for a building to be used as a Museum. The Jefferson National Bank had signed a long term lease with Mr. Robert Gray for use of the former bank building at 420 West Main Street. Jefferson had moved their operations to a newer building on Wayne Avenue and agreed to sub lease the old bank building to WHFI for a nominal rent for the period through November 30, 1999. Mr. Shirley Kiger was instrumental in the negotiations with Mr. Gray and accepted the position as chairperson of the building committee for WHFI. Arrangements were made with the Library to move the artifacts in storage to the new museum.

On January 1, 1997 a Grand Opening celebration was held in the museum. The program featured a 252nd birthday party for General Anthony Wayne, a Revolutionary war hero for whom the city was named. WHFI has a membership of about 150, with visitors to the museum numbering over 1,000 during the first four months of operations. Special arrangements have been made with the Womans Club of Waynesboro to jointly merchandise a coverlet, a copy of a quilt produced by a group of women under the direction of Mrs. Dorothy Sayre. The original quilt is on permanent display in the museum. Ms. P. Buckley Moss painted a picture of the Plumb House and donated 100 prints for sale by the WHFI.

A self guided walking tour of the historic downtown area of the city has been prepared by Mr. James Walton Wright. The Garden Club Council for the city will conduct a tour of three historic homes in December 1997. The Riverfest program exhibits will be displayed in the museum in June 1997. A Bicentennial celebration for the city is planned for September 13/14th in downtown Waynesboro and will be directed from the Museum.

Mrs. Dorothy Sayre was introduced and told of the production of the quilt. This was a major volunteer project with the group of ladies applying hundreds of hours in designing and producing the quilt.

Questions and answers followed.



Plumb House, Waynesboro, Virginia

by

Earl E. Meese, Chairman Plumb House Restoration Committee

Why is the Plumb House important to Waynesboro?

- Having been built between 1802 and 1806, while Thomas Jefferson was president, it is the oldest frame dwelling in Waynesboro.
- The Plumb House was between the battle lines in the Battle of Waynesboro, the last battle of the Civil War in the Shenandoah Valley.
- It is a registered Virginia Historic Landmark and is also listed in the National Registry of Historic Places.
- To our knowledge no other house in Waynesboro has had the same family live in it for over 150 years.
- The Plumb House holds memories for many school children of the past who visited there to see the arrowhead and butterfly collections of "Happy" Plumb.
- The Plumb House is also important to Waynesboro because the City purchased the house in 1994 and it is the first community effort at historic preservation. The funds for restoration will be provided by the Waynesboro Heritage Foundation.

How would one describe the house?

The Plumb House is a relatively simple house as would have been owned by a middle class family. The main, 18 x 30 ft. two story portion of the house is of Federal design and was built of square logs, which were covered with siding prior to the Civil war. The house and outbuildings were covered with asbestos siding in the 1950s. All the asbestos siding has been removed and the original siding found to be in very good condition. The front porch was probably added after the Civil War, with subtle variations over time.

The original house has a chimney on each end with two fireplaces downstairs and one upstairs. The east chimney is original and is an interesting example of early Valley brickwork. It is laid in the Flemish bond pattern with queen closures at the end of each course. The ends of the bricks or headers are all glazed in the eighteenth century manner, and make a checkerboard pattern. This glaze was achieved by placing the ends of the bricks closest to the fire when they were fired. The use of glazed headers was extremely rare in early Valley construction, and only a few examples are known to survive. The chimney on the west side was rebuilt in common bond, using smaller bricks, after being damaged by a cannon ball which hit it and entered the house.

The original portion of the house has not been significantly altered during its 160 or more years. Originally the lower level was built as a hall-parlor plan with a single board thickness wall and a threshold in the parlor doorway. At some later date a traditional stud wall was added to divide the hall into a living room and a center hall between the front and back doors. The door to this room has no threshold. A chevron pattern batten door which was the rear door is now a bathroom door. The trim and paneling apparently are original as is the ornate Federal style mantel in the parlor on the east side.

A winder stairs, which opens just inside the front door, leads to a hall with railing on the second floor. A master bedroom with fireplace is on the east end and two smaller bedrooms without heat are on the west end.

A large 14 x 20 ft. family style kitchen, of frame construction, was added at the back of the house in 1837 or 1857 based on increases in taxes for those years. This large kitchen had a fireplace at the end, a door on each side and a porch on the east side. In the 1940s the fireplace was removed and the room was divided into a more modern kitchen and dining room. This division has now been removed. Also a bathroom was added under the porch roof in the corner of the ell formed by the kitchen and the main part of the house.

It appears very likely that the siding was added over the logs at the time the kitchen was added. First there is no siding or nail holes on the logs exposed in the kitchen attic. Next the siding, which would have been part of the normal frame construction, runs continuous across the junction of the added kitchen and the original house. One could easily speculate that this work was done in 1837, the year the Plumb family moved here from Philadelphia and Richmond, and bought the house.

The original kitchen and smokehouse are part of a four room outbuilding. The kitchen has a large colonial type fireplace, with a high mantel shelf, and has the bar and trammel for hanging pots. The outside walls of the kitchen have "nogging", bricks laid loose inside the frame construction walls. The hand hewn beams are exposed at the top of the walls around the room. Two rooms were added on the back in the 1940s as additional space for Happy Plumb's hobbies. A second outbuilding with three sections, one of which has a high door for unloading coal or wood from the alley.

Happy Plumb's butterfly collection was given to James Madison University and is on display in their museum. A large portion of his arrowhead collection is now on display in the Waynesboro Heritage Foundation Museum.

The smokehouse had a dirt floor until sometime this century. The Plumb family of the late 1800s and later had a barn for cattle, butchered and also raised chickens. Records of some of these activities were found written on a set of cabinet doors which had been adapted to fit a hall closet added in the upstairs hall of the house.

A brick patio, laid by slaves extends from the house to the old kitchen and smokehouse doors. A brick sidewalk leads from the patio to one of the locations of a previous privy. The old well which was dug in 1848 is just off the edge of the patio.

Summary of Accomplishments and Plans

What are the overall plans for use of the Plumb House-Museum?

The general plan is for the property to be a House-Museum, however not limited to only one specific period. Since the house covers such a great span of history, the intent is to be able to interpret the layers of history that have accumulated over that span of time.

Presently we are having an open house three or four times per year with a different theme and exhibit each time to develop historic interest in the community. We have had five open houses with one each year near March 3rd, the anniversary of the Battle of Waynesboro. The next open house will be on July 12, 1997.

What has been done at the Plumb House?

Not as much restoration as we would have liked due to lack of funds and volunteers. The Plumb House Restoration Committee has Wednesday morning as a regular work day and have accomplished the following:

- Cleaned out the house and the outbuildings.
- Sold a Coca-Cola poster found in the attic for enough to pay for removing the asbestos shingles.
- Removed the tarpaper remaining after removal of the shingles and caulked the holes.
- Applied primer paint on the lower two-thirds of the house.
- Clean-up and display of a few artifacts found on the property.
- Had an oil tank and dead tree removed by the city.
- Installed railings for stairs and a room divider in the smokehouse.
- Started an archeological dig by volunteers from JMU and Augusta County School students and their teacher.
- Opened the bricked-in fireplace in the original kitchen.
- Removed a small workroom which had been added in the smokehouse.
- Removed the dividing wall in the attached kitchen.
- Removal of 4 inches of dirt off the brick patio.
- Obtained several hundred bricks from a demolition site for use later in laying sidewalks.
- Built a cabinet for the purpose of displaying the doors with recorded information.
The cabinet will also be used to display items.
- Built several tabletop display cases for the archeological dig finds.
- Trimming of shrubs and other landscaping clean-up.

The Vailes Brothers sponsored a volunteer work day last year to finish removal of tarpaper at the upper levels and repair of flashing. They have joined the Restoration Committee and will continue to support the restoration.

What are the short range needs?

- Minor repair of the exterior and painting of the house.
- Painting and installation of the shutters taken off the house.
- Repair of the foundation of the old kitchen.
- A new roof on half of the outbuilding.
- Painting of the outbuildings.
- Archeologically supervised removal of dirt under the kitchen floor.
- Repair of the floor joists, etc. under the kitchen.
- Rewiring the house and repairing the plumbing.
- Installation of a heating and air-conditioning system.
- Installation of a picket fence across the front, similar to one shown in an 1870 picture.
- Addition of siding on the portion of the outbuilding covered with tar paper.

How much money has been spent at the Plumb House?

The Plumb House Restoration Committee has been active for 2 years and 4 months and has spent a total of \$3413. \$2990 to remove asbestos shingles plus \$423 for other expenses. The Plumb House generated income of \$3415 through the coke poster and donations. The Plumb House has been self supporting to date, but this will not continue. We plan to increase our rate of spending considerably as we approach the projects I have mentioned.

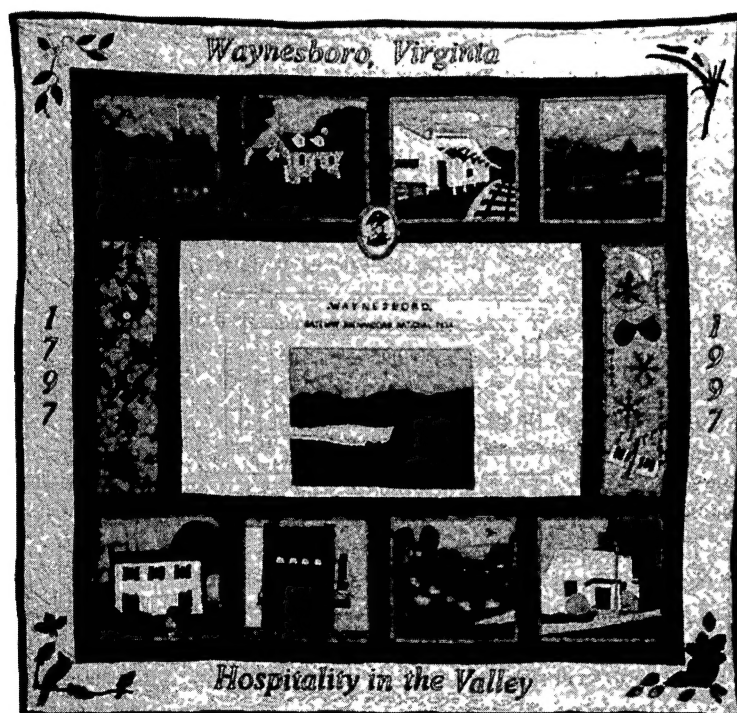
How much money will be needed in the future?

The Frazier Associates estimate of restoration cost in November 1995 was from \$215,000 to \$328,000. These estimates are 18 months old and cost may have risen, however, we hope to have the benefit of volunteer work which could reduce the amount required.



Quilt Commemorating the Bicentennial of Waynesboro

by
Dorothy Sayre



Displaying Historic Scenes of Local Buildings and Events

Planning for this quilt began in May 1996. Eleven area ladies did the applique work [three did the lettering and one did all the embroidery work, four helped with the sashing and 14 quilted]. It was finished in December 1996. About 740 hours were spent from start to finish — a labor of love. It was unveiled at the Grand Opening of the Waynesboro Heritage Foundation Museum beginning our Bicentennial year. Dot Sayre was chairman of the Quilt committee.



The Hotchkiss Sisters in Victorian America: The Making of a 'Modern' Woman

by
Katherine Lavin

The beginning of the twentieth century was an uncertain age in which progressive social reform was advocated by the 'liberals' while the old guard struggled to maintain a society focused on recovering from economic depressions, like the 1893 depression, and maintain the status quo. The era cannot only be categorized as a change of perception, but also by the introduction of motion pictures, new and easier means of travel as well as American consumerism. These gradual evolutions of thought and perception typified 1876 to 1915 and this era is suitably called 'Victorian America'.¹ These years, especially the last ten, stand as testimony of transition into the modern age that brought two world wars, wrought government with the charge of social welfare, and emphasized American leisure and luxury.

These transitional years do not stand only by statistics that state that the professional class grew, that food chains doubled, or that the introduction of catalogues to the far off places of the West spread the East coast society, but by the personal testimony of the people.² They lived their lives adapting to each phenomenal change and served as markers of the passage from one era to another. One such testimony springs from Anne Lydia Hotchkiss Howison (1857-1929), daughter of Major Jed Hotchkiss (1828-1899) and wife of Allen M. Howison (1853-1918), and her daughter, Ellen May Howison Christian (b.1894). They wrote to Anne's sister Nellie Hotchkiss Holmes, wife of George S. Holmes. Anne wrote biweekly to her sister at 16 Legare Street, Charleston, South Carolina, until her death in 1929. Many of her letters were written from her home, The Oaks, on East Beverley Street in Staunton. These letters, scrawled absentmindedly, contain Anne's life and the life of her daughter and the first five years (1908-13) allows the reader to glimpse the lives of Victorian Americans coming to age into another era. Their views, stories, perceptions, gossip, daily aches and pains are enfolded into these letters passed to Mary Baldwin College by Alfred Graham of Deerfield, Virginia. Ellen half-heartedly wrote her Auntie Nellie showing a life not only different from her mother's in age, but also in her original perceptions and adaptability to automobiles, motion pictures and traveling throughout America and Europe. Through these women, the era can be seen for what it was to them: a transitional era that challenged their place in society and presented a new world, available for the first time to the poor, the workers, and the women. Through these upper class Southern ladies, a clear picture is painted of their 'Victorian America' that contradicts their inherent sense of duty with a new sense of change and competence as the world expands and shows Anne and Ellen all of the possibilities that can be available to women.

¹See Thomas Schlereth, *Victorian America: Transformations in Everyday Life 1876-1915*. (HarperCollins: New York, 1991).

²Schlereth, 302, 152, 153.

The World in Which They Lived

The most marked change effecting the Howison family was the ease of transportation and the new technology. Allan Howison sold typewriters, a new invention as of 1876, for the Underwood typewriter Company and had to travel across Virginia.³ The rail system was not only useful for Allan, but for Anne and Ellen as Ellen ventured to Sweet Briar and to Minnesota, New York, Europe and South Carolina for vacations and Anne ventured to Richmond, Charlottesville, Atlanta, Chattanooga, Charleston and any other city holding a conference or a family member. Anne became so well adapted to it and other transportation conveniences that Richmond paled in comparison to New York or Atlanta as it had "only night hacks and such miserable horses."⁴ The street cars and 'miserable horses' were slowly being replaced by automobiles like the Model T Ford selling for only \$805 in 1908.⁵ The automobiles were popular with the younger set immediately, but by the end of the era Anne was to feel exhilarated when Fitzhugh Fichlen, a young owner of an auto, takes her on a ride.⁶ Increasing numbers of the Howison's set, middle-upper to upper class, bought automobiles for pleasure.

Not only did automobiles add to the Howison's pleasure, but the decreased rates of traveling abroad and the mail system. Anne and Ellen Howison went on an Orient cruise in 1909 aboard *The Arabic*. Ellen was never exhausted as a fifteen year old rarely is and Anne was unaccustomed to traveling and desired to rest more than the fast pace would allow. As a result Anne became sick and could not tour all of the sites and she did not recover until reaching England and returning to her routine of paying calls to distant family friends. Even though the trip was only four to six hundred dollars (still many people's wages), Nellie paid for it as she felt that it was necessary to Ellen's education. Indeed Ellen saw all of the tourist traps in Cairo, Jerusalem, Italy, Spain, Dardanelles, the African Coast, and England. Throughout the journey, Ellen and Anne reported their findings with dutiful pleasure to Nellie through the mail system that was a constant marvel to both parties. Why, it was such a marvel that they sent furs, seal skins, an iron grate, dresses, sausages, cookies, and candies through the mail for birthdays and Christmases. The daily world was changing and confronting women's lives that were expected to stay as daughters, wives, and dutiful administrators of home and community.

The Ladies Who Lunch

The Howison family had inherited their money from both families and were accustomed to having money, duties, and servants. Anne may not have necessarily liked the latter two, but she had to perform the duties and the servants were necessary to her life-style. Allan benefitted from the advent of technology as he sold typewriters for Underwood Typewriter Company. At times he led Virginia in sales and was successful at his career. He traveled frequently leaving Anne in a position of relative power as she controlled finances and schedules. She traveled frequently and by all actions would even appear as if she could have embraced a suffrage stance of equality for women. Her position as an upper class wife

fulfilling the obligation brought by the society is obvious in every letter she penned, even to the point that she tried not to use pencil because it would insult the reader as if to say they did not merit pen. After all, two pencils only cost a penny.⁷ Anne performed her duties well and with a zeal that had her in a leadership position in every organization she was involved in, except the Daughters of the American Revolution, because she viewed it as a laughing-stock.⁸

Anne Howison was accustomed to her life by 1908, the year that marks the beginning of the letters. Anne did not have a clerical position nor a job in a factory as many women did who entered the work force during this era. Instead, her job was to her family, her church, and her community. She was involved in many organizations and clubs as well as being a firm foundation of the Staunton community and the Second Presbyterian Church. She also had an obligation to the community and her acquaintances to hostess teas and dinner parties and help plan charity events. An example of her weekly schedule is as follows: on Monday a Missionary Society Union meeting, Tuesday a white sale (needed to restock the linens and prepare for spring), Wednesday a J.E.B.S. Chapter meeting, Friday tea with Mrs. Sam Bell and the Mary Baldwin Seminary Trustees. The weekends were filled by correspondence to any of the following organizations of which she was a member, chairman, president or treasurer; the Daughters of the American Revolution, the United Daughters of Confederacy, the Mary Baldwin Seminary Alumnae Association, Southern Huguenot Society, or the Women's Union Prayer Service.⁹ Women were the main planners of these events and her duty was to try to be the best and remain beyond the reproach of anyone.

She also had to hold elaborate Alumnae Association Receptions or Class Reunions in her home as she did on 18 May 1911. She had to make the food, organize music and perform the proper etiquette procedures. A keystone to social planning was the sending of a card to the invitee. Such a card closely resembled the card below in script type and content:¹⁰

*Mrs. A. M. Howison
will be
at Home
on May 18 from 4.00-6.00
For the Alumnae Association Reception
The Oaks R.P.U.P.*

³Schlereth, 68.

⁴18 December, 1908 letter to Mrs. George S. Holmes, 16 Legare Street, Charleston, South Carolina from Anne Howison, The Oaks, Staunton, Virginia.

⁵Schlereth, 25.

⁶1 August, 1912 letter to Mrs. George S. Holmes, 16 Legare Street, Charleston, South Carolina from Anne Howison, The Oaks, Staunton, Virginia.

⁷Schlereth, 178.

⁸15 October, 1911 letter to Mrs. George S. Holmes, 16 Legare Street, Charleston, South Carolina, from Anne Howison, The Oaks, Staunton, Virginia.

⁹13 February 1913, letter to Mrs. George S. Holmes, 16 Legare Street, Charleston, South Carolina, from Anne Howison, The Oaks, Staunton, Virginia.

¹⁰17 February 1911, card enclosed in letter to Mrs. George S. Holmes, 16 Legare Street, Charleston, South Carolina, from Anne Howison, The Oaks, Staunton, Virginia.

Her duties to the organizations did not end with correspondence nor with teas held in their honor. Her duties encompassed lecturing about Palestine after her 1909 Orient Cruise aboard *The Arabic*, writing a pamphlet for the Alumnae Association on "Treasurers and Their Duties," and traveling to conferences in Chattanooga, Atlanta and Richmond.

The Atlanta conference was particularly interesting as it serves as an indication of her leadership ability and belief in forwarding women into positions of power suited to a woman's 'place.' She was one of the two delegates from Virginia representing the Synodical Union of Virginia. She actively promoted an 'Overture for a woman as General Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Work in the Presbyterian Church' and was a main reason why the overture was unanimously approved by the Synodical Union of Virginia on November 3, 1911. When she joined the other fourteen female delegates to propose it at the Annual Meeting of the Permanent Committee of Systematic Beneficence, the delegation contrived five reasons for a woman to be in a position of some authority in the Presbyterian church. One which resembled the Great War suffragists reasoning of the importance of women as the foundation of a society: "[w]omen, as mothers and teachers, are exerting the greatest influence on the younger generation." Not only does it cite the reason that is cited by many suffragists during the Great War, that women deserve equality as the mothers of future generations of male leaders, but it states at the end the familiar nonthreatening reassurance that women "are NOT asking more AUTHORITY," "the HANDLING OF FUNDS," nor "the CREATION OF ANY NEW AGENCY." Instead the move was a better way to create efficient management and aid the community in their best womanly way possible.¹¹ Anne was appointed Chairman of the Committee of Finances of this new department created in the Presbyterian church. Anne, however, was against suffrage with the same fervor that she was for prohibition, both views being directly taken from the stated societal norms for the upper class women. Anne was caught in a struggle between the duties of her station and class and an ideology that established women as accomplished doers. This ideology, ironically, closely resembled the group with which she most disagreed.

Her duty won the struggle as she was caught in the whirlwind and trying teas and social calls that were varied in personage and manner. Her life was inundated with concerns over who to invite to a tea and what to serve. An example of her strategy is planning one of the biweekly teas, such as the one on 21 April, 1910:

Morton and Annie Faltz are getting settled in and will give them a tea on Monday serving salad, biscuits, tea, olives, strawberries, angle food, candy. Guests - will invite Dr. Parkins and Gertrude, also of necessity - Madge. Miss Press and her friend Mrs. Eddy. I want Mr. and Mrs. Jut (his pastor of old), Hattie Wilson and Mr. Eskridge - just to entertain him and because he has manners and manners! Judge Holt and Mary (his former employer), possibly Katie and Annie F. one for talk, other for style!¹²

These informal traditional teas were balanced by the frequent social practice of calling. As the wife of an elder of the Second Presbyterian Church, she had to call on all of the parish-

¹¹From "Overture: The Women's Synodical Union of Missouri," sent on 5 May, 1912 to Mrs. George S. Holmes, 16 Legare Street, Charleston, South Carolina, from Anne Howison, The Oaks, Staunton, Virginia.

¹²21 April 1910, letter to Mrs. George S. Holmes, 16 Legare Street, Charleston, South Carolina, from Anne Howison, The Oaks, Staunton, Virginia.

ioners at least bimonthly and more if they were ill or if tragedy struck their family. She visited Maggie, an elderly woman bedridden, bimonthly always bringing gossip and some sort of gift. Her duties towards her community and her involvements were as much her job as typing, making bolts, or selling shoes could be to a woman of lower class.

Her duties included caring for her family. Anne made the decision as to where to school Ellen, what Ellen should wear, and she was the one to mend Ellen's clothes to allow for growth or fashion change. Anne managed the money in the household and used her Christmas gifts from her sister for the household, such as the 1911 gift of a grate for the fireplace from her sister Nellie. Anne paid the bills downtown, paid Miss Floyd, their seamstress, charged the servants with their duties, and took charge of the investments made by her father, Jed Hotchkiss, left to her mother, Sara A. Comfort Hotchkiss upon his death. Upon her mother's death, the sisters jointly inherited the estate and Anne had Nellie's power of attorney. Anne engaged a Mr. Yosh to stand in at all meetings revolving around their interest in Cherry Creek Mining Company and in an estate called Mt. Vernon. The former project yielded little to no profit, but the latter's sale to Harris & Schlereth brought the Hotchkiss sisters twenty-five thousand dollars in three payments throughout 1912 and 1913.¹³ The money served as necessary funds as the family went through World War I, the death of Allan Howison, and the subsequent need for a secure economic status throughout the recession second decade of the twentieth century. Anne was indeed a lady who lunched to accomplish her duties as hostess to the community and administrator of her family and household.

The Domestic

Of course, Anne did not complete her duties and act as housekeeper, cook, and gardener without the help of domestics. At any given time, Anne tried to have three servants helping around the house. All of her servants were black and were degraded by Anne for being so. Pansy was her only servant that stayed in her employee from 1908 to 1913 while the other servants shifted out of the household as often as they swung in Anne's pendulum of favor. Although they were paid, the servants were looked on as chattel who could not begin to relate to Anne or her life. Schlereth states that the twentieth century did indeed replace "Bridget, the full-time, live-in domestic of the late nineteenth century" with "Beulah, the part-time black maid of the twentieth."¹⁴ The ideal servant in Anne's mind was efficient, quiet, respectful and humble. When her domestics were "bordering on impudence" she was "tempted to ship" them.¹⁵ The domestics were, quite possibly, the most laborious problem for Anne.

She often expressed the deficiencies of her domestics, by writing "my nigger is the slowest ever!" and expanding on how worthless they were.¹⁶ Such a cry resembled "[i]t seems to me sometimes I can't stand my present menage a day longer- Pansy somewhat full, David laid by about 2 days out of 7 and Manda a fool!"¹⁷ Her letters, however, also comple-

¹³13 January, 1912 letter to Mrs. George S. Holmes, 16 Legare Street, Charleston, South Carolina, from Anne Howison, The Oaks, Staunton, Virginia.

¹⁴Schlereth, 74.

¹⁵10 April, 1912 letter to Mrs. George S. Holmes, 16 Legare Street, Charleston, South Carolina, from Anne Howison, The Oaks, Staunton, Virginia.

¹⁶19 June, 1911 letter to Mrs. George S. Holmes, 16 Legare Street, Charleston, South Carolina, from Anne Howison, The Oaks, Staunton, Virginia.

¹⁷1 January, 1912 letter to Mrs. George S. Holmes, 16 Legare Street, Charleston, South Carolina, from Anne Howison, The Oaks, Staunton, Virginia.

mented the domestics as they rubbed her with Capsian Vaseline when sick, gave her wonderful food, or because of their efficiency.¹⁸ The most memorable chain of events that clearly summarizes Anne's attitude towards the servants of racism, fickleness, and dependence revolves around Elmer.

Elmer had taken care of the yard, gave dining service and served as the house fix-it-person for three years. Ellen had quite a different view of Elmer than Anne as Elmer took care of her and Allan when they were suffering from the whooping cough and a severe cold, respectively:

House is a hospital with Elmer as chief nurse. He is certainly a good darky. Says he is going to get married week after next and says 'Just think, ain't it ridic'lous! This time two weeks from now I'll be a married man.'¹⁹

Of course, Ellen's opinion hardly spoke of great love, but it did not approach the feelings expressed in Anne's letter to Nellie:

Elmer left on Tuesday, it's such a relief to not be pushing him to do his work [as I have] since Christmas. My whole home seems different and my nerves are less strung. I feel now how foolish I was to hang on to him, it is just another verification of the lack of gratitude in a nigger's makeup. After three years of effort to help him be something, he shows no thanks nor regrets. David looks after furnace and he could do all the outside work if I kept him...Of course, I'll miss the dining room service, but I have to cut down on expenses.²⁰

Certainly, the domestics, though looked on as familiar, were seen as inferior and their role was embraced in the daily life of an upper class woman. This attitude would change in the approaching generation. Anne was slightly vindicated as she discovered in June that Elmer had only gotten married because his girlfriend was expecting a baby in six weeks. Her moral superiority was assured of in her eyes. She may have judged less harshly her peers that committed the same social shames of divorces and necessary marriages because of their upper class and professional life-styles European backgrounds. Regardless of the changes in the era, little changed for the black servant as they were paid less and exploited more.

Courtship and Marriage

Ellen was the epitome of a well courted debutante from a good background free from any social shames or deep economic woes. After studying at Mary Baldwin Seminary, she went to Sweet Briar College in the fall of 1911 after a poor year at the Seminary in which Anne did not feel that Ellen was receiving the best possible education. Mary Baldwin and Sweet Briar provided more extracurricular social opportunities than academic while pre-

¹⁸26 November, 1911 letter to Mrs. George S. Holmes, 16 Legare Street, Charleston, South Carolina, from Anne Howison, The Oaks, Staunton, Virginia.

¹⁹21 January, 1911 letter to Mrs. George S. Holmes, 16 Legare Street, Charleston, South Carolina, from Anne Howison, The Oaks, Staunton, Virginia.

²⁰13 February, 1911 letter to Mrs. George S. Holmes, 16 Legare Street, Charleston, South Carolina, from Anne Howison, The Oaks, Staunton, Virginia.

paring the young ladies as potential speakers of French, Spanish, German, familiar with classic Greek and Latin texts, and cultivators of the arts and, for the gifted ones, entertainers for guests at a soiree or a musical. The intention of Sweet Briar was not only to help their students gain a husband, but when coupled with the various communal opportunities, the overwhelming impression given by societal institutions was the need for a woman to find a husband.

Ellen's earliest experience with courting from the information given in her letters appears to be the crush she developed for John Harris from Philadelphia when she was fifteen and on the Orient Cruise aboard *The Arabic*. He would visit her two years later to discover the crush had been destroyed under the attentions of many other young men. Ellen's Kable beaus from Staunton Military Academy amused them after each one of their calls while she was also courted by Rogers from University of Virginia, Arlo Bartholomew from Princeton, Henry Ranson from West Point, and various boys from Staunton.²¹ Dances were held with alarming regularity, especially during the Christmas season. After Ellen's first year at Sweet Briar, her parents gave her a dance held in her honor at their home that was summarized by the local Staunton paper and clipped and forwarded to Nellie:

Friends of Miss Ellen Howison enjoyed a delightful dance on Saturday given by her at the home of her parents on East Main Street, Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Howison. The dance was informal and lasted until midnight. The V.S.D.B. orchestra furnished the music. Those present were....²²

That same year, her mother wanted her "to make up her mind" over Courtney, a longtime suitor while Ellen went out each night for the four weeks that she got back since school.²³ She would go dancing in the evening, go on automobile rides, baseball games, or moving motion picture matinees. The process was exhaustive and Ellen had to be put to bed to recover from the rigorous obligation of making herself an eligible wife and enjoyable society girl.

If the courtship process was tiresome, the marriage was utterly exhausting according to many of Anne's statements. Anne's bitterness exemplified the earlier struggle seen between embracing her duty and the ideology that a woman did not need a man because he would only rob her of her free choice. One of Anne's most inflammatory statements, "I believe more and more in letting people marry who they please. It is a lottery and bondage any way you take it!", emphasizes how unhappy she is in her own marriage.²⁴ This statement, "...the man as always will get his way," allows the reader to understand why.²⁵ She is at home and in control as well as being a respected individual in all of her communities. Allan often canceled their trips to visit Nellie. Once Anne objected so much that she spent Christmas

²¹15 December, 1910 letter to Mrs. George S. Holmes, 16 Legare Street, Charleston, South Carolina, from Anne Howison, The Oaks, Staunton, Virginia.

²²19 April, 1911 letter to Mrs. George S. Holmes, 16 Legare Street, Charleston, South Carolina, from Anne Howison, The Oaks, Staunton, Virginia.

²³3 April, 1911 letter to Mrs. George S. Holmes, 16 Legare Street, Charleston, South Carolina, from Anne Howison, The Oaks, Staunton, Virginia.

²⁴13 June, 1913 letter to Mrs. George S. Holmes, 16 Legare Street, Charleston, South Carolina, from Anne Howison, The Oaks, Staunton, Virginia.

²⁵June 1910 letter to Mrs. George S. Holmes, 16 Legare Street, Charleston, South Carolina, from Anne Howison, The Oaks, Staunton, Virginia.

with Nellie and then went to Augusta, Georgia without him. She gave instructions to Mr. Hughes to look after Allan as he boards at a boarding house and goes to The Oaks for meals.²⁶ She does not write of Allan, her marriage, or even the mere institution except on rare occasions as it seems to be a source of dissatisfaction for her. Perhaps her silence was the form of acceptance of society's dictates concerning marriage.

At times society was the only thing to delay a woman's divorce and if she chose to ignore society's aspersions, there was a way to escape "the bondage" of marriage. Anne's delight over the risqué Reno routine is obvious in the flourish of pen and delight in the following lines:

Bessie Fleroy has gone to Reno to get a divorce, Bowman went to Washington to make the legal arrangements and Kate Hutchinson went with her as governess!!!²⁷

Her bitterness exists and seems to be the common ailment of many of the women. Her cousin Sarah relates the constant problems between Lora and Taylor, a younger married couple, to Nellie. Taylor had demanded that everything be perfect for a luncheon to which the governor and eleven other distinguished gentlemen were coming. However, the glasses, according to Taylor were not laid out properly and he yelled at Lora in front of the servants. Lora decided to get revenge on Taylor for embarrassing her in front of the servants. So, while the servants were lighting the candles in their wrappers, Lora asked Taylor if he were ready for lunch. He assumed that she meant lunch was ready *at that moment* and he led his guests into the dining room only to find his guests aghast at two female servants dressed very inappropriately. Lora had received her revenge noted Sarah, the sixty-five year old widow.²⁸ The need for a husband was palpable as women were congratulated for "getting" a good one, but were shamed by being obvious about their objection as a widow was on The Arabic cruise.²⁹ This social code book was encapsulating the women like Anne into a world of duty and obligation with no recourse as she existed solely to serve her husband and family. This social code is why Anne expressed happiness at the fact that Ellen was not making a decision and would not be engaged to Courtney as she does not need such 'detrimentals.' Anne continued following society's dictates although they seemed to contradict her spirit and attitude that a woman was equal to a man in intelligence and an essential part to a household.

A Woman's Place?

Anne very rarely wrote of her opinions on themes and topics that historians study as cultural phenomena, such as prohibition or the suffrage movement. But each person had

²⁶2 February, 1909 letter to Mrs. George S. Holmes, 16 Legare Street, Charleston, South Carolina, from Anne Howison, The Oaks, Staunton, Virginia.

²⁷22 November, 1911 letter to Mrs. George S. Holmes, 16 Legare Street, Charleston, South Carolina, from Anne Howison, The Oaks, Staunton, Virginia.

²⁸26 March, 1908 letter to Nancy (Anne) Howison, The Oaks, Staunton, Virginia, from Cousin Sarah, Richmond, Virginia (no envelope).

²⁹14 December, 1911 letter to Mrs. George S. Holmes, 16 Legare Street, Charleston, South Carolina, from Anne Howison, The Oaks, Staunton, Virginia and 3 March, 1909 letter to Mrs. George S. Holmes, 16 Legare Street, Charleston, South Carolina, from Ellen Howison, Aboard The Arabic. A German submarine sank The Arabic on August 19, 1915.

their place in society's hierarchy as she noted that "Mrs. W[aitts] knows her place, is a lady, but the children are young America to the core."³⁰ Anne also noted that 'young America' was disrespectful and unaware of the social code, except for Ellen. Just like 'young America,' the suffragists were derailing from the proper social path. Anne tried not to derail from her path; she is an average upper class woman living in Staunton who may only be deeply affected by the above once or twice in her lifetime, but who notes each time. Anne was affected by the suffrage movement to the point that she resigned from an organization out of disapproval of it.

Her disapproval of the suffrage movement is not surprising as women of her station are ingrained to accept the things in life they cannot change, such as duty and a superficial relinquish of power to their husbands. Thus, Anne's position does not cause wonder, despite her actions as President and Chairman of Women's Societies, her leadership on behalf of promoting women to the forefront at Atlanta, her apparent bitterness towards marriage, and her happiness over Ellen's independent choices. Anne's statement over an incident that fully explains her situation as a dutiful matriarch and anti-Progressive shows her stated stance and siding with societal norms:

You will see in paper how Fanny King got mad and has taken her doll rags so to speak, and gone home - i.e. resigned from the Va Fed. Women's Club. None of these paper notices give the crux of the matter which is this[:] none of the Va Clubs endorse suffrage. Eight of those wrote Mrs. King requesting her not to have Mary J. speak on that subject. She ignored this request and the Fed. acted in accordance with their Con[stitution] which specifies no affiliation with suffrage movement nor organizations. I heard from Richmond that where ever Mary J. went with her suffrage ad. she left dissension behind her and such is true here. I simply quietly resigned from the Auxiliary at their annual meeting last week. I told Walter Hoge that if the Auxiliary was instrumental in bringing her here to present equal suffrage I would resign and they did and I did!³¹

Obviously, there is even a split in the upper class homes of ladies of Staunton as some support most probably stood for Fanny King. Her adamancy against the suffrage movement is quite obvious and rings true to her position and duties. What would happen if she were to succumb to the 'suffragettes'? After all, she is a pillar of the Staunton community. Her overwhelming support for Ellen is as is Ellen's choice to integrate herself into the working community is the last and most convincing evidence that Anne, as were many of the women, was feeling the full impact of the societal changes wrought by the transformation of daily life.

Ellen, the headstrong debutante who is the apple of her parents' eyes, decided to be-

³⁰17 February 1911, letter to Mrs. George S. Holmes, 16 Legare Street, Charleston, South Carolina, from Anne Howison, The Oaks, Staunton, Virginia.

³¹15 May, 1912 letter to Mrs. George S. Holmes, 16 Legare Street, Charleston, South Carolina, from Anne Howison, The Oaks, Staunton, Virginia. "Mary J." was probably the writer Mary Johnston, a suffragist and author of To Have and to Hold. Her home was at "Three Hills" near Warm Springs in Bath County. Members of the Equal Suffrage League of Staunton included Fanny Bayly King, Mrs. E.S. Bissell, Mrs. W. T. O'Connor, and Mrs. J.W. Stout. See the Virginia Suffrage News, November 1914.

come a working girl in the summer of 1913. She was nineteen and decided to not accept any of the offers of marriage and pursue a career in Washington, D.C. She wanted to become a translator using the three languages she was learning at Sweet Briar College and earn two thousand dollars a year, more than the \$260 the average woman made in office work.³² She spoke with Col. Allen, a family acquaintance, about looking into the necessary preparations and she really wants to do it. The problem is that "[e]veryone just laughs at me, but I'll show 'em."³³

Ellen's determination carried her far. She received her A.B. degree from Sweet Briar in 1916 and passed the Civil Service Examination. She entered the Office of Depot Quarter Master as a stenographer and served as a clerk to Major Fanning in charge of Soldier's Allotment, Division A. She returned to Washington, D.C. in 1918 and served as Secretary to the Head of the Canteen and Motor Corps Division. After her marriage to Robert E. Christian, Staunton Military Academy graduate and soldier in the Machine Gun Company during World War I, she became in charge of the Woman's Department, United States Employment Bureau located in Staunton, Virginia.³⁴ She continued her mother's work by being involved in many of the same organizations and was often the sole wage earner in the Christian family. Ellen's biography exemplifies that Anne raised a strong woman intent on making a career for herself while fighting the battle between duty and desire inherited by her mother.

Conclusion

The advent of autos, railway system, motion pictures brought modernization and that modernization, in turn, opened the world to women like never before in American or European history. The women who grew to womanhood in the first decades of the twentieth century were seen as embodying the spirit of the Roaring Twenties with the fashion style of a flapper, but were simply continuing the natural progression started by their mothers. Their mothers asserted a place for themselves in a household where they were powerful in their demand, but they fulfilled their duties as seen by men. Ellen was able to see the world through the gradual domination of autos and motion pictures and was able to see herself and the role of her mother change as well. Thus, Victorian America ended in a war just as it was born from a war with its many contradictions of racism and the struggle for equality, of the ideal dutiful woman and the burgeoning flapper girl, and the desire for change from the young and for more of the same from the old influencing the lives and testimonies of Southern ladies. Perhaps Anne summarized her era best when she said:

[t]he old time sentiment may be there, but I do not believe it will be adhered to. Times have changed everywhere, even in Charleston.³⁵

The world changed in a flow of technology, war, and consumerism to never again return to the Victorian era.

³²Schlereth, 68.

³³30 June, 1913 letter to Mrs. George S. Holmes, 16 Legare Street, Charleston, South Carolina, from Anne Howison, The Oaks, Staunton, Virginia.

³⁴Information regarding Ellen's life collected from The Howison Family Bible notes grouped with the letters passed to Mary Baldwin College.

³⁵15 November, 1912 letter to Mrs. George S. Holmes, 16 Legare Street, Charleston, South Carolina, from Anne Howison, The Oaks, Staunton, Virginia. For their later years, see Peter Roper, Jedidiah Hotchkiss, 222-232, 246-251.

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Central United Methodist Church



Central Methodist Church

Organized 1797
The Oldest Continuing Methodist Congregation
in Augusta County

by
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Methodism in the Staunton/Augusta County area began in 1797 in the home of Sampson Eagon on the southwest corner of what is now Coalter and East Beverly Streets. At the beginning, the group of Methodist converts met in Sampson Eagon's home, but because so many people came to hear his message, the group had to move to his blacksmith shop nearby.

Early records of the Staunton church indicate that "the Spirit of the Lord was upon Sampson Eagon and no sooner had he settled in Staunton Village than he began to hold prayer and song services in his home. As he made and mended wagons, shod horses, and sharpened tools for his neighbors, he gathered them about him and told them the old, old story; and when itinerant ministers passed through Staunton at long intervals, he sought them out and invited them to preach in the 'church that was in his house' and in his blacksmith shop which was used as a place of worship on the Sabbath. So profound was the impression created by this humble citizen of two worlds that the neighborhood in which he lived soon came to be known as Gospel Hill." That name still stands.

Early records of the church reveal that Sampson Eagon had heard John Wesley's message and his heart, too, had been "strangely warmed." The words, "strangely warmed," are very important and meaningful to Methodists around the world for the heart of Methodism's founder, John Wesley, was "strangely warmed" on the evening of May 24, 1738 at Aldersgate Chapel in London. Earlier in the day John Wesley had listened to the singing of Psalm 130 by the choir of St. Paul's Cathedral, and that night Methodism was born when John Wesley's heart was "strangely warmed."

Around 1800, because neither the home nor the blacksmith shop could accommodate the growing number of Methodists, land was purchased on North Lewis Street and the first church was built at the present location of Central United Methodist Church. One quarter of an acre and a half of another lot on Lewis Street were purchased from Jacob Swoope and his wife, Mary, for the sum of "fifty pounds, specie."

A small space of ground surrounding the first church building was said to be a Methodist burial place. At the beginning of the 1800s, those who died in the village of Staunton

were buried either in The Glebe Cemetery, Trinity Churchyard, or in family burial grounds. Members of the Methodist church, following the Old World custom, were buried in the churchyard, even though space was said to be limited. According to tradition, Henry Yost, Sampson Eagon's father-in law, was first buried in the churchyard at the Methodist church, but later his body was removed to Thornrose Cemetery.

Sampson Eagon continued his association with the new church where he was a steward and class leader. He died on April 11, 1849. He and his wife, Rebecca Yost Eagon, who died on April 2, 1850, are buried in Thornrose Cemetery. They were first buried in Trinity's Churchyard, but their bodies were interred in Thornrose Cemetery on May 19, 1854.

In 1806 Noah Fidler was commissioned as the first pastor of the church. The year, 1806, is regarded as the official beginning of organized Methodism in Staunton. The deed for the church lot on Lewis Street was recorded in 1806.

In the early part of the 19th century there was a scarcity of church bells in Staunton and neither the Methodists nor the Presbyterians had one. Because of the lack of church bells, the City Fathers passed an ordinance allowing both denominations to use the Courthouse bell in summoning their members to worship on Sundays. This old order reads: "That permission be granted to each person, as shall be appointed by the concurrent direction of the Presbyterian and the Methodist churches in Staunton, to toll the Courthouse bell for church on every Sabbath, twice between the hours of 10 and 12 in the forenoon and twice between the hours of two and five in the afternoon." The Methodists were not able to buy a church bell of their own until April 1864 when the Rev. J. C. Dice was pastor. The job of hanging the bell was given to Brothers Baird and Tannehill. At the same time these two men were instructed to enclose the church lot with a fence.

A second church building was erected about 1830. Many of the brick from the original structure were used in the second building. Its cornerstone was laid in 1834. In 1859 a third church was constructed on the site. For this new church the committee was to "erect a church upon old site, the same width of present church and 25' longer, with basement under entire church, and if possible to erect a steeple."

Prior to the Civil War, slaves were prohibited by law from holding religious services unless one or more whites were present. The law was bypassed when Central invited blacks to join its church in the 1850s. By 1861, membership at Central stood at 350: "150 white and 200 colored."

A third church was constructed in 1859 because the membership continued to increase. But by the 1890s, it was obvious that the congregation had outgrown that building. However, it took a special act of Providence to convince the church members of that fact. Late one evening in March 1892, following an extremely heavy snowfall, the old roof timbers collapsed. Fortunately, no one was in the building at the time. However, earlier that evening the "Busy Bees," a missionary society of girls, was practicing for an "entertainment," but the group had disbanded prior to the collapse of the roof.

The cornerstone for the present building was placed on September 3, 1892. Some 2,000 spectators attended the ceremony which was preceded by a Masonic parade, music furnished by the Stonewall Brigade Band, and singing by a choir that had been especially formed for the occasion. The dedicatory sermon was delivered by Bishop Alpheus Wilson. The Rev. F. J. Prettyman, who later was to be chaplain of the United States Senate, was pastor of Central at the time.

Among the articles placed in the cornerstone — the third to be lowered into the "hallowed" ground — were "an old copper plate with records of the Turner's Silver Cornet Band" (the predecessor of the Stonewall Brigade Band), and coins of 1834 and 1859.

While the fourth church was being built, services were held in what was then the Y.M.C.A. building on the corner of Beverley Street and Central Avenue. This building, now as then, houses the well-known town clock, a Staunton landmark.

Central Church was officially named "Central" at a called meeting of the Board of Stewards on February 13, 1905. Dr. Isaac N. Canter was pastor at that time; Turner H. Hackman, chairman of the Board, and S. K. Davis, secretary-treasurer. The name, Central, was not officially used as far as old records show until June 15, 1914, when it first appeared in Quarterly Conference records. It was used in a letter from the Board of Stewards to the Vestry of Trinity Church on October 4, 1915.

Methodism in Staunton was further developed with the organization of the First Methodist Episcopal Church in 1908. A group of 10 to 12 people first held services in what was then known as the Bodley Auditorium (later occupied by Dunsmore Business College). The formation of the new church was led by the Rev. H. T. Heironimus, pastor of the Staunton Circuit. The building was completed in 1914 and was called the Beverley Street Methodist Church. In 1973, the church was closed, and the membership transferred to the newly built Christ United Methodist Church on Churchville Avenue.

Earlier, in 1898, Marquis Memorial United Methodist Church on West Beverley Street began as a Sunday School, and later was called Epworth Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Since there was a shortage of money, the church trustees decided that if someone would contribute \$1,000 toward the completion of the sanctuary, the name of the church would be changed in grateful recognition of this gift. Mrs. Caroline M. Marquis was told of the financial problem and she agreed to contribute the needed \$1,000. Subsequently, the church was named Marquis Memorial in memory of Mrs. Marquis' husband, Captain James C. Marquis.

One of Central's most beautiful stained glass windows is a memorial to Caroline Marquis. The Ascension window at the front of Central, facing Lewis Street. Another lovely window facing Lewis Street depicts Jesus as the Good Shepherd. It is automatically illuminated each day from sundown to 11 p.m. This window is a memorial to Juliet F. Bryan who came to Staunton from Fredericksburg as the bride of John W. Bryan, a Confederate soldier.

In 1915 Central Church, in its fourth building, was extensively remodeled by T. J. Collins & Son, a Staunton architectural firm, and was extended to Lewis Street.

In the early 1930s, a three-story brick building, which at one time had housed the Wesleyan Female Institute, founded in 1850, was remodeled and became the home of the Church School. The remodeling and converting of the building into the Sunday School took place during the pastorate of the Rev. Boyd V. Switzer. This building was torn down in the early sixties when the new educational building was built on the corner of Lewis and Beverley Streets.

The church, in the early 1940s, purchased the Matthews property adjoining the south side of the sanctuary for additional class and assembly rooms and church offices.

A special Homecoming program was held on Sunday, June 22, 1947, commemorating 150 years of Methodism in the Staunton area. The morning worship featured a sermon by Bishop W. W. Peele, Presiding Bishop, Richmond area.

In 1954 the Educational Building, fronting on West Beverley Street, was remodeled and redecorated. The building was reopened with a special ceremony on March 28, 1954. Two other changes of interest occurred during 1954. The Conference year was changed from October 1 to June 1, and Wednesday night prayer meetings, long a tradition in the Methodist church, were discontinued.

A decision to build another educational building was made as the 1960s began. The

cornerstone laying service for the new \$300,000 educational building, to be constructed on the site of the former Matthews property, was held Sunday, June 21, 1964. The actual ground breaking took place Monday, September 23, 1964. Actually, it was not a ground breaking in the strict sense of the word — it was the beginning of the demolition of the former commercial building on the southwest corner of Beverley and Lewis Streets. The new building was consecrated on February 28, 1965, with Bishop Walter C. Gum preaching the dedicatorys.

In 1972 the 175th anniversary of the founding of Methodism in Staunton was observed. As part of the celebration, Bishop William Cannon of the Virginia and North Carolina Conferences was the guest speaker at the Sunday morning service on May 8, 1972. The 175th anniversary dinner was held November 4 in the Fellowship Hall, with Earl J. Shiflet, a native of Augusta County who at that time was Secretary of Education for the State of Virginia, as the speaker.

A Summer Youth Program, sponsored by Central's Commission on Outreach, was inaugurated in the summer of 1985. The Recreational Outreach for Christ to Kids, called the R.O.C.K. program, continues to be held each year.

In July and August 1987, the Rev. and Mrs. Sidney Booth of Sheffield, England participated in the International Pulpit Exchange Sunday. Central's minister, the Rev. J. Wade Munford, and his wife, Sherry, were in Sheffield while the Booths were in Staunton.

A project to make needlepoint altar cushions was begun in 1990. The cushions were dedicated on December 20, 1992. The liturgical symbols featured on the needlepoint kneelers were highlighted in a brochure printed in June 1994.

In May 1995, Central's Administrative Board approved the employment of Baughan & Baukhages, a Luray architectural firm, to submit preliminary drawings and cost estimates for capital improvement projects. Among the proposals were: Improvements to the basement of the Educational Building, addition of a four-floor elevator at the west end of the Educational Building, additions of a reception area, an additional classroom, and library in the area in the back of the sanctuary, known as the "cave," and improvements to the entrance to the church by relocating the rock wall and constructing steps to the Willson parking lot, just north of the sanctuary.

"Opening Doors to Century 3" was the banner chosen under which members of Central have been challenged to bring about the various capital improvements.

The theme for Central Church's 200th anniversary in 1997 is "200 Years and the Flame Still Burns." And the flame from Sampson Eagon's blacksmith shop is still being felt 200 years later and will continue to be felt as the church opens its doors to Century 3.

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The Gochenour-Yount House

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The Gochenour-Yount House is located in Verona, Virginia, just east of U. S. Route 11 and four-and-one-half miles north of the Augusta County Courthouse. The building is currently owned by Augusta County. It was part of the Green Hill Farms which the county purchased in 1987 to be developed into an industrial park south of the Augusta County Government Center. A brick I-house known as the Moses House is also situated on the same tract of land.¹ Development of the industrial park threatens the preservation of both of these dwellings. An architectural survey of the Gochenour-Yount house was undertaken by the Fort Defiance High School Advanced Placement United States History Class to better understand the importance of this structure and to inform the interested public as decisions are made regarding the future of what is perhaps the oldest and most unique structure remaining in Verona.

The house consists of an original early nineteenth century brick structure as well as a mid-nineteenth century addition and other renovations. The Works Progress Administration surveyed the house during the 1930s. Dr. Ann McCleary conducted another, more comprehensive study in the 1980s for the Historical Landmarks Commission. Little is known about this house, its architecture, or its former residents.

In 1809 John Johnston, a resident of Botetourt County, purchased acreage from Benjamin and Mary Mosby "on the waters of the Middle River."² Tax Records indicate he already owned a substantial amount of Augusta County land.³ Land tax records indicate that Johnston paid \$5.25 in taxes on this land each year between 1810 and 1819. After 1819 the taxes escalated to \$15.05. This jump in taxes indicates that a major improvement was made to the land. An architectural survey bears out that the improvement was probably the construction of the house that stands there today.

Johnston built a brick three-room, double-pile (two story), side-passage floor plan. This plan was common in Augusta County in the early 1800s. This particular side-passage plan consists of two rooms that are perpendicular to a hall that runs the width of the house; the second floor is identical to the first with the exception of a small room carved out of the

¹This house is so named because of a famous occupant. Grandma Moses, a renowned American artist of the Primitive School, lived in the house at the turn of the century during the eighteen years the future artist and her husband made their home in Augusta County.

²Deed Book 35 page 262, Staunton, Va: Augusta County Courthouse.

³Land Tax Records, 1809, Staunton, Va: Augusta County Courthouse. Interestingly, Johnston is identified in the tax records as being from Botetourt County, Virginia but census records indicate that he was a resident of Augusta County.

east end of the second floor hall. The rock-lined basement of the house is a low root cellar with a dirt floor partitioned into two areas. A variety of brick bonds are evident on the exterior.

The Federal style dominates the interior of the house. This light and airy style still evident in the woodwork was popular in the early Republic of the United States. Borrowed from the Romans, this style reflected the attitude of the young hopeful nation. Ovolo molding around doorways and windows, quarter-round used to trim wainscoting, and two Federal style mantels in three rooms dates the house to the early nineteenth century.

Other interior details corroborate the 1819 date of the house. Several windows in the original house are nine-over-nine and several doors are so-called "cross and bible"; both were common in early nineteenth century construction.⁴ An older style of punch hole dentil molding used in the two front rooms was an expensive feature in its day and indicated that the owner was a person of means. Decorative trim along the stairs can be traced back to a pattern book published by Owen Biddle in 1805 that many joiners, including those who built houses in Augusta County, used for design ideas.

The common pegged roof rafters in the attic are supported by collar beams or cross-pieces. According to Ann McCleary, collar beam construction all but disappeared in the Shenandoah Valley after 1820; as construction costs rose, the elimination of the collar beam was viewed as a cost-cutting measure. Square-cut nails and reciprocating saw marks can be easily seen in both the attic and the root cellar; their presence also places the house's construction in the early nineteenth century. The current roof is tin but what appear to be unnecessary clusters of nails in the roof rafters leads to the conclusion that a roof of wood shingles was later replaced by the tin roof.

When Johnston built his house, the Valley turnpike, the main road connecting Staunton and Winchester, meandered through the region. Indeed, it is likely that the front of the house faced east and probably faced the road. Not only is the first floor east room far more elaborate than the west room, with its punch hole molding and its elaborate mantel, the eastern exterior brickwork is Flemish Bond, a very fancy brick work pattern that was often viewed as a status symbol as were the decorative jack arches above the windows. The incorporation of the Valley Turnpike in 1838,⁵ however, not only macadamized the road, it straightened it out, rerouting it west of (behind) Johnston's house, where a traveler would notice only the more common three-course American bond. This undoubtedly created a dilemma for the owner about what should be the front and what should be the back of the house. This dilemma was solved by another owner who would make a major addition and renovation to the house.

There is little or no evidence of dependencies today. A barn located south of the house burned down, leaving only a more modern tile silo standing. It is evident that no room in the original structure or the later addition was used for cooking which leads to the conclusion that the house probably had a detached kitchen. Johnston was also a slaveowner. The federal census of 1810 indicates he owned nine slaves. While it is possible a slave structure also occupied the farm, it is highly unlikely. Most Augusta County farmers who were also

⁴Nine-over-nine refers to a window whose top sash consists of nine small panes over a bottom sash that also consists of nine small panes of glass; a "cross and bible" door is a six panel door.

⁵Joseph Waddell, *Annals of Augusta County 1726-1871*, second edition, Bridgewater, Va.: C.J. Carrier Company, 1958, p. 435.

slaveowners accommodated slaves within the home rather than building a separate slave dwelling.⁶

John Johnston died in Vicksburg, Mississippi in 1848. It is unclear whether or not he had moved away from Augusta County or if he coincidentally happened to be there when he died. His son Joseph Johnston acted as the executor of his estate. He subsequently sold the 363 acre farm in 1849 to Chesley Kinney, Jr. who owned the farm for the next nine years.

The Kinney family was a prosperous and politically prominent family in Augusta County. Chesley Kinney, Jr. was the son of Chesley Kinney and brother of Nicholas Kinney, both of whom served as Clerk of the Circuit Court of law for Augusta County.⁷ The cash value of the farm was listed at \$9,936, its farm implements at \$428, and its animals at \$1,282. Kinney owned ten horses, four "milch" cows, twenty-two head of cattle, seventy-eight sheep, and five swine. He cultivated 830 bushels of wheat, 500 bushels of Indian corn, fifty bushels of oats, and twenty-five of Irish potatoes. The farms also produced 120 pounds of wool, 306 pounds of butter, and 210 tons of hay.⁸ Kinney owned three slaves in 1840 but only one slave, a woman, in 1850.⁹

It was during Chesley Kinney's ownership that renovations and the addition was made to the house. The valuation on Kinney's property jumped from \$ 10,541 in 1854 to \$11,616 in 1856, indicating that a major improvement was made to the property. This time frame is consistent with the style of the addition and with the changes made to the interior of the original house.

The addition consisted of two rooms on the first floor and a large garret room on the second. The windows in the addition are somewhat larger six-over-six and the trim—molding and mantel—is in the Greek Revival style. Greek Revival replaced Federal style during popularity in the 1840s; the United States began to view itself as a pure democracy of destiny not unlike the ancient Greeks. Greek Revival is a bolder, heavier style in comparison to the Federal style.

As already stated, the turnpike now ran behind the house. It was probably for this reason that Kinney decided to reverse the orientation of his home. He replaced the windows in the bottom west room of the original house to match the windows on the addition. These are large, nearly floor-to-ceiling windows. He also replaced the Federal mantel, and the door and window molding in that room and the one above it with Greek Revival style.

Kinney sold the farm to Robert S. Harnsberger in 1858. Harnsberger was a thirty-four-year-old man with a growing family. For whatever reason, he did not keep the farm long. He sold it to Michael G. Harmon in 1862. Harmon, the owner of the Virginia Hotel in Staunton and various other properties throughout the Valley, probably did not live at this farm. In 1866 he turned the property over to his daughter and son-in-law, Willie H. and Robert Eve, to assure they would have a place to live in these "desperate times."¹⁰ He also noted that a detail of the deed was not to be construed that he mistrusted his son-in-law.¹¹ Whatever the family dynamics, Eve lost the property in 1879 when William and Mary Jordan placed a lien against the property and forced its sale to satisfy a substantial debt Eve owed the Jordans.

⁶Susanne Simmons and Nancy Sorrells, "Never A Strong Hold", After the Backcountry Conference, Lexington, Va.: Virginia Military Institute, March, 1995, unpublished.

⁷Waddell, p. 375.

⁸Federal Agricultural Census, 1850.

⁹Federal Census, Slave Schedule, 1840 and 1850.

¹⁰Deed Book 83, p. 34.

¹¹Ibid.

The Jordans sold the farm to the Reverend Frederick Anson. Frederick Anson was a resident of England. Anson was the Clerk of the Holy Orders of Canon of Windsor in the County Berk and how he came to buy this farm remains a mystery. His son Alfred Anson, however, did live there. Indeed, the Hotchkiss Atlas of 1885 shows that the farm was occupied by Alfred Anson.¹² When Frederick Anson died in 1879, title to the farm was transferred to his son Alfred. Alfred Anson remained there for over thirty years when he sold the house and acreage to Joshua Sutton.

The farm changed hands several times from that point to the present. Not long after he purchased the farm from Anson, Joshua Sutton died. His sons John and Edward inherited the farm jointly and in 1910, John gave title to the farm to his brother Edward. Glen C. Yount and Samuel Gochenour bought the farm in 1936 and it is their names that are associated with the house. Glen Yount eventually became the sole proprietor and the farm began to grow in size. In the late 1940s and 1950s the farm was 1,000 acres and reached all the way to Middle River.¹³ The house was inhabited into the late 1970s.

Construction of I-81, development of Verona, and the relocation of the Augusta County Government Center to the former Smith's Transfer terminal destined the farm for development and put into question the fate of the Gochenour-Yount house. This house was built the same year James Monroe became President and the year the Missouri Compromise was enacted. The house's architecture reflects what America was thinking about itself and its future at the time. The generations of people who resided there experienced seven major wars, five economic panics and depressions, and countless local issues. As this building's fate is being decided a thorough study should be made of significance and viability. Just as a person's memories and experiences are buried in the ground when a person dies, so too are a house's when it is demolished. Preservation of this house should be carefully considered.

¹²Hotchkiss Atlas of Augusta County, p. 76-77.

¹³Interview with Bobby Joe Reed whose father T. O. Reed managed the farm for the Younts and who lived in the Gochenour-Yount house from 1950 to 1964.

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Name of Deceased	Date of Death	Place of Death	Date of Paper
Adams, Wm.	Last week	Coal Valley, WV	11 Jan
Atkinson, thos., Right Rev.	Tue	Wilmington, NC	11 Jan
Arbogast, Jameson	21 Jan	Pocahontas Co., WV	1 Feb
Amiss, J. B., Mrs.	3 Feb	Staunton	1 Feb
Alexander, David	30 Jan	nr Mount Sidney	8 Feb
Arthur, J. C.	Sun	Pittsylvania Co.	8 Feb
Astrop, Alice	Thu wk	Lee Co.	22 Feb
Aler, M. J. W.	last week	Harrisonburg	22 Feb
Abernathy, James, Dr.	2 mons ago	Gaston, NC	8 Mar
Abernathy, John P.	2 mons ago	Gaston, NC	8 Mar
Allen, Mary, Mrs.	last week	Botetourt Co.	5 Apr
Allen, Mary E. P.		Botetourt Co.	5 Apr
Anderson, Walter	Sun	Bristol, TN	19 Apr
Allan, Louisa G., Mrs.	24 Apr	Richmond	3 May
Alderson, Lewis A., Rev.	Thu 2 wks	Atchison, KS	7 Jun
Alderson, Lucy B., Mrs.	1832		7 Jun
Ashby, Turner, Gen.	6 Jun 1862	nr Harrisonburg	14 Jun
Ashby, Richard, Capt.		nr Cumberland, MD	14 Jun
Atkinson, Alex	Wed	Quinniment, WV	5 Jul
Argenbright, Jacob	Thu	Middlebrook	2 Aug
Anderson, Geo. W.	3 Jun	Greenbrier Co., WV	16 Aug
Albright, John	6 Oct	nr Harrisonburg	18 Oct
Akers, Barney	last week	Montgomery Co.	29 Nov
Anderson, M. A., Mrs.	28 Nov	Lexington	6 Dec
Allen, Wm., colored	recently	Warwick Co.	20 Dec
Bayly, E. W., Capt.	3 Jan	Staunton	11 Jan
Burk, William Handley	28 Dec 1880	Covington	11 Jan
Bush, J. Andrew	31 Dec 1880	Winchester	11 Jan
Billings, Silas H., Rev.	Sat	Winchester	18 Jan
Bell, Samuel H., Mrs.	within last 2 yrs		18 Jan
Berkeley, Margie	Wed	Staunton	1 Feb
Barth, Simon L.	sat	Staunton	1 Feb
Bond, George		Staunton	1 Feb
Beard, Emma, Mrs.	2 Feb	Mint Spring	8 Feb
Brown, J. Lewis, Dr.	9 Feb	Staunton	15 Feb
Baker, Nancy, colored	18 Feb	Staunton	22 Feb

Burrell, Taylor B., colored barber	25 Feb	Alleghany Co.	1 & 22 Mar
Brown, Jas. C.	11 Feb	nr Hebron Church	1 Mar
Butt, Sarah M., Mrs.	17 Feb	nr Lewisburg, WV	1 Mar
Bradford, A. W., ex-Gov. of MD	Tue	Baltimore, MD	8 Mar
Brown, Elizabeth H., Mrs.	Wed	Fredericksburg	8 Mar
Bridgewater, Bettie A.	28 Jan	Rockingham Co.	8 Mar
Bridgewater, Sallie W., Mrs.	29 Jan	Rockingham Co.	8 Mar
Bridgewater, James	7 Feb	Rockingham Co.	8 Mar
Bridgewater, S. M., Miss	12 Feb	Rockingham Co.	8 Mar
Byrd, Allen M.	28 Feb	Bath Co.	8 Mar
Bodell, Charles Wm.	26 Feb	Shenandoah Co.	8 Mar
Bosserman, Geo., Mrs.	Fri	nr Middlebrook	15 Mar
Barley, Wm. H.	27 Feb	Alexandria	15 Mar
Brown, Samuel B.	Tue	Staunton	15 Mar
Bruce, Julia A., Mrs.	6 Mar	Richmond	15 Mar
Barton, Allen Reese	14 Mar	Staunton	22 Mar
Berger, son of Mr. P	16 Mar	Rockbridge Co.	29 Mar
Basore, Michael	16 Mar	Rockingham Co.	29 Mar
Bailey, Lorena	23 Mar	West View	5 Apr
Bodell, Ella M., Mrs.	3 May	New Market, Shenandoah Co.	3 May
Bailey, Jennie	7 Apr	West View, sister of Lorena	3 May
Bradford, Lillian D.	20 Apr	Charlestown, WV	3 May
Brown, Catharine, Mrs.	28 Apr	Bell's Valley	3 May
Breanaham, Margaret, Mrs.	21 Apr	Greenbrier Co., WV	10 May
Baker, Charles H.	Fri	nr Hinton, WV	10 May
Bowls, Margaret J., Mrs.	yesterday	Mt. Sidney	17 May
Boland, James	20 May	nr Greenville	31 May
Bumgardner, Welcome, Mrs.	Wed	Mt. Airey	7 Jun
Bonham, Mrs.	Thu	Rockingham Co.	21 Jun
Burgess, Caroline, colored	15 Jun	Staunton	21 Jun
Buck, Napoleon L.	24 Jun	nr Mt. Solon	28 Jun
Bolling, Robert B., Col.	Tue	Petersburg	5 Jul
Berkeley, Catharine Spottswood	14 Jul	Staunton	19 Jul
Bell, Margaret Lynn	15 Jul	Rockbridge Alum	19 Jul
Brayton, Deputy Collector	19 Jul	South Carolina	26 Jul
Burch, John C.	Thu	Washington	2 Aug
Burke, Polly, Mrs.	8 Sep	Burke's Mill	13 Sep
Burnside, A. E., Gen.	Tue	Bristol, RI	20 Sep
Bartley, John O.	7 Sep	Bath Co.	27 Sep
Brown, Lynn, colored		Louisa Co.	18 Oct
Butterly, Marshall F.	13 Oct	Staunton	18 Oct
Bowling, Alexander W.	17 Oct	Bowling's Mill	25 Oct
Brownell, Charles H.	Tue	Staunton	25 Oct
Blackburn, William	Tue	Staunton	25 Oct
Beazley, Wyatt S., Judge	2 Nov	Greene Co.	22 Nov
Burdett, Madison	12 Nov	Monroe Co., WV	22 Nov
Blackburn, W. S., Mr.	Tue	Talcott Station, WV	22 Nov
Blackburn, Saml., Gen.	1835	Bath Co.	29 Nov
Burly, Fannie	Fri	Charlottesville	29 Nov
Brown, son of James	Fri	Richmond	6 Dec
Brodie, John	Thu	Granville Co., NC	6 Dec
Britt, Wm.	Wed	Rockingham Co.	13 Dec
Bailey, R. E.	Mon	Southampton Co.	20 Dec

Barrett, John A.	Mon	Austin, NV	20 Dec
Brown, James, colored	recently	Kanawha Co., WV	27 Dec
Baker, George L.	20 Dec	Lexington	27 Dec
Cook, Dan	Fri	Smithfield	4 Jan
Conrad, James W.	Sun	Winchester	18 Jan
Christian, Arch. G., Mrs.	Fri		18 Jan
Chrisman, Thomas	31 Dec 1880	Augusta Co.	18 Jan
Churchman, Henry Jewett, Dr.	Sat	Staunton	25 Jan
Conrad, B. F., Mrs.	recently	Fauquier Co.	1 Feb
Collier, Frances, Mrs.	Thu	Petersburg	1 Feb
Cunningham, Wm.	recently	Rockbridge Co.	1 Feb
Callison, Josiah	21 Jan	Pocahontas Co., WV	1 Feb
Crist, James	4 Feb	Mint Spring	8 Feb
Crist, Henry	5 Feb	Mint Spring	8 Feb
Cundiff, W. R.	Fri	on C&O RR between Callaghan & Backbone stations	22 Feb
Crist, John	4 Feb	nr Greenville	22 Feb
Cart, Albert M.	Sat	Kanawha Co., WV	1 Mar
Carpenter, Matthew, Hon.	Thu	Washington	1 Mar
Crist, Naomi, Mrs.	Sat	nr Midway	1 Mar
Coakley, Michael	10 Feb	Rockingham Co.	1 Mar
Carrington, Willie A.	Wed	Richmond	8 Mar
Crow, John Taylor	Wed	Baltimore, MD	29 Mar
Clinedinst, Caroline S., Mrs.	27 Mar	Staunton	29 Mar
Campbell, Mary C.	18 Mar	Lewisburg, WV	29 Mar
Campbell, C. R., Rev.	Fri	Roanoke Co.	5 Apr
Clowes, Emma, Mrs.	7 Apr	Lexington	19 Apr
Carter, John L.	28 Mar	Staunton	3 May
Clarke, Florence J.	23 Apr	Rockingham Co.	3 May
Caldwell, Jas. F.	28 Apr	Greenbrier Co., WV	3 May
Calwell, Wm. B.	28 Apr	Greenbrier Co., WV	3 May
Courtney, Ernest	recently	Pocahontas Co., WV	10 May
Clift, Thornton	24 Apr	Page Co.	10 May
Campbell, Margaret, Mrs.	May	Greenbrier Co., WV	10 & 17 May
Chambers, Rufus	5 May	Monroe Co., WV	17 May
Carter, William Gibbon, Dr.	Tue	Richmond	21 Jun
Canter, Martha J., Mrs.	12 Jun	Huntersville, WV	21 Jun
Christian, Charles Paxson	25 Jun	Leesburg	5 Jul
Curry, Eliza, Mrs.	8 Jul	Augusta Co.	12 Jul
Crawford, William	Thu	nr Augusta (Old Stone) Ch.	26 Jul
Catlett, Katherine	23 Jul	Staunton	26 Jul
Campbell, W. G., Rev.	2 Aug	Harrisonburg	9 Aug
Crowder, Willie Manson	Sat	Staunton	16 Aug
Clifton, Lester M.	30 Jul	nr Churchville	23 Aug
Conrad, Mitchell	21 Aug	Richmond	30 Aug
Coiner, C. Benton, Mrs.	Wed	Augusta Co.	30 Aug
Chambers, Wm., Capt.	7 Aug	Hardy Co., WV	30 Aug
Croghan, John	27 Aug	Staunton	30 Aug
Croghan, Fannie Mary		Staunton	6 Sep
Critzer, Mintie Ellen	28 Aug	nr Afton	13 Sep
Clay, Samuel G.	19 Aug	California	20 Sep
Caraway, William	7 Sep	Greenbrier Co., WV	20 Sep

Chilton, W. E., Mr.	Fri	Kanawha Co., WV	11 Oct
Crockett, Henry	Sun	Wythe Co.	18 Oct
Coffman, John Peter	16 Oct	Rockingham Co.	1 Nov
Clemmer, Mildred J., Mrs.	29 Oct	nr Middlebrook	1 Nov
Crawford, Wm.		probably Staunton	15 Nov
Clark, Sallie W., Mrs.	14 Nov	Summers Co., WV	22 Nov
Cochran, John	Sun	Charlottesville	29 Nov
Crawford, John D., Dr.	24 Nov	Chapel Hill	29 Nov
Deiters, Anthony	Tue	Wheeling, WV	4 Jan
Dettor, Charles Lewellen	11 Jan	Augusta Co.	18 Jan
Dundore, Nancy, Mrs.		Harrisonburg	18 Jan
Dudley, Richard H.	20 Jan	nr Mt. Solon	25 Jan
Dudley, Washington M.	Fri	Augusta Co.	8 Feb
Dennett, Henry	14 Feb	Rockingham Co.	22 Feb
Driver, Catharine, Mrs.	8 Feb	Rockingham Co.	22 Feb
Durboraw, Matilda K., Mrs.	6 Mar	Waynesboro	15 Mar
Duell, Hattie	Mon	Iowa City, IA	19 Apr
Drew, Posey	Sat	Richmond	19 Apr
Devier, Mariah, Mrs.		nr Sangersville	26 Apr
Dosh, J. H. C., Rev.	Sat	Baltimore Co., MD	26 Apr
Dabney, Cornelia, Mrs.	Wed	Galveston, TX	3 May
Dull, M. J. P., Miss	4 Jun	Greenbrier Co., WV	14 Jun
Dudley, infant son of Caleb	last week	Rockingham Co.	21 Jun
Davis, Lydia K., Mrs.	27 Jun	nr Harrisonburg	5 Jul
Davis, Bettie Cralle, Mrs.	Fri	Greenbrier Co., WV	12 Jul
Depsey, Margaret	17 Jul	Bath Co.	19 Jul
Daniels, son of Mr.	recently	Green Co.	2 Aug
Dunlap, Matilda, Mrs.	27 Jul	Churchville	9 Aug
Dold, Lizzie Daly	4 Aug	nr Fishersville	16 Aug
Dillon, Otho Davis	14 Aug	Swoope's Depot	23 Aug
Dold, William, Mr.	Tue	on Lynchburg road	13 Sep
Dickenson, Martha Jane	24 Sep	Staunton	27 Sep
Devine, James	27 Oct	Staunton	1 Nov
Dandridge, Philip P., Sr.	Fri	Winchester	8 Nov
Donald, Ben	few wks ago	Texas	15 Nov
Effinger, Asbury, Dr.	12 Dec 1880	Portland, OR	4 Jan
Edwards, Jas.		Waynesboro	4 Jan
Eubank, Amanda, Mrs.	Wed	nr Mt. Zion Church	25 Jan
England, Chas.	Tue	Crimora Manganese Mines	22 Mar
East, David C.	23 Mar	Fayette Co., WV	29 Mar
Earley, David	28 Mar	nr Mt. Sidney	29 Mar
Evers, Mary C.	13 May	on Long Glade	31 May
Effinger, Elizabeth, Mrs.	Sat	Harrisonburg	14 Jun
Elliott, John B.	11 Jun	nr Buffalo Gap	12 Jul
Ervin, Brown	10 Oct	Highland Co.	18 Oct
Eichelberger, Geo. S.	Sun	Charleston, WV	25 Oct
Eisenman, Bettie, Mrs.	16 Nov	Staunton	22 Nov
Edelblut, Michael	Sun	Richmond	29 Nov
Estill, Kate	3 Nov	Charleston, WV	29 Nov
Fowlkes, Wilson, colored	Sun	Charlotte Co.	25 Jan

Fulwider, Harvey	18 Dec 1880	California	25 Jan
Fletcher, Stephen	Mon	Warrenton	1 Feb
Ferrall, George, Dr.	1 Feb	Wheeling, WV	8 Feb
Felty, daughter of Amos	Sat	Wytheville	15 Feb
Funk, Israel	Sun	Pittsylvania Co.	15 Feb
Fultz, Harriet, Mrs.	11 Feb	McGaheysville	22 Feb
Folk, A. W., Mr.	Fri	Wheeling, WV	1 Mar
Freeman, Mrs.	few days ago	Georgia	1 Mar
Forsyth, Lewis M.	Sat	Winchester	1 Mar
Fell, Abraham W.	23 Feb	Greenbrier Co., WV	15 Mar
Farnsworth, Mr.	26 Apr	Summers Co., WV	10 May
Foster, Dorothy, Mrs.	8 May	Alleghany Co.	17 May
Foley, Michael	Thu	nr Greenfield, OH	31 May
Fultz, John C.	Jun		21 Jun
Foote, Esther, Mrs.	15 Jun	Alexandria	28 Jun
Fillmore, Millard, Mrs.	Thu	Rochester, NY	16 Aug
Fisher, George	17 Aug	Staunton	23 Aug
Furry, Sallie	21 Aug	Harrisonburg	30 Aug
Forbes, Julia A., Mrs.	6 Aug	Winfield, WV	30 Aug
Frank, Magdaleen	24 Aug	Rockingham Co.	6 Sep
Farish, Andrew J., Mrs.	Tue	Berryville	20 Sep
Ford, D. J., Mr.	Wed	Greenbrier Co., WV	4 Oct
Fisher, Isaac	Wed	Fayette Co., WV	11 Oct
Fowle, Linda	Sat	Staunton	18 Oct
Fields, Louisa F., Mrs.	Wed	Petersburg	22 Nov
Forney, John W., Col.	Fri	Philadelphia, PA	13 Dec
Flowers, Thomas	Sat	Kanawha Co., WV	27 Dec
Fraction, Thornton, colored	recently	Kanawha Co., WV	27 Dec
Funkhouser, Jos., Rev.	15 Dec	Rockingham Co.	27 Dec
Fisher, Sarah, Mrs.	13 Jul	Staunton	19 Jul
Gogel, Jacob	last wk	Bethlehem, PA	4 Jan
Gogel, Anna	last wk	Bethlehem, PA	4 Jan
Gregory, Columbus	last wk	nr Marion	4 Jan
Gibson, Mary, Mrs.	19 Dec 1880	Staunton	4 Jan
Garrett, Wesley, colored	Fri	nr Lexington, NC	4 Jan
Gentry, James		Ashe Co., NC	18 Jan
Gilliam, Thos.	recently	Greenville	25 Jan
Glenn, Hugh A.	2 Feb	Staunton	8 Feb
Greaver, Sarah, negro	Sat	Staunton	8 Mar
Gardner, Reuben E.	Sat	Hanover Co.	8 Mar
Gardner, Patrick,	Fri	Greenbrier Co., WV	15 Mar
Guy, Lilly F., Mrs.	24 Mar	Staunton	29 Mar
Glass, John	6 Apr	Hinton, WV	19 Apr
Garber, Michael, Col.	8 Apr	Madison, IN	19 Apr
Guthrie, H. G.	Sat	Barterbrook	19 Apr
Grigsby, Hugh Blair, Hon.	Thu	Charlotte Co.	10 May
Gibboney, John H., Capt.	10 May	Wytheville	17 May
Gibson, Sarah Frances, Mrs.	10 May	Montgomery Co.	21 Jun
Green, John W.	Fri	Petersburg	9 Aug
Grant, Orville	Fri	Morris Plains, NY	9 Aug
Gregory, Emmett Lynwood	18 Aug	Staunton	23 Aug
Griggs, Kate, Mrs.			6 Sep

Grattan, Peachy R., Mr.	Thu	Ashland	13 Sep
Geeding, Mary, Mrs.	2 Sep	Churchville	20 Sep
Garfield, Jas. A.	19 Sep	Washington	27 Sep
Green, old man	Sun	Gauley River, WV	27 Sep
Garber, A. E., Mrs.	18 Sep	Rockbridge Co.	27 Sep
Gilliland, Stephen	Fri	Alleghany Co.	11 Oct
Godwin, Eliza A.	22 Sep	Staunton	11 Oct
Grove, Christian	25 Oct	nr Staunton	1 Nov
Gleason, Paul, Mrs.	Sun	Alleghany Co.	22 Nov
Garst, Edward	20 Nov	<u>Salem Register</u> , 25	29 Nov
Gaines, Maris	Sun	Staunton	6 Dec
Gilkeson, Margaret, Mrs.	27 Nov	nr Jennings Gap	13 Dec
Geiger, Octavia, Mrs.	17 Dec	nr Staunton	20 Dec
Glover, Thomas	Fri	Southampton Co.	27 Dec
Hurt, John E.	28 Dec 1880	Lynchburg	11 Jan
Hamilton, James	Thu	Washington, PA	18 Jan
Haldeman, Belle	8 Jan	Augusta Co.	18 Jan
Hamilton, Wilber M.	20 Jan	Fort Defiance	1 Feb
Houston, Lewis, colored	Thu	Covington	8 Feb
Hoge, Virgie	Sun		8 Feb
Hunter, Lute Page	4 Feb	Midway	8 Feb
Hamilton, Sallie	29 Jan	Fauquier	22 Feb
Hunton, Henry S.	Sun	Parnassus	22 Feb
Hedrick, Jane, Mrs.	12 Feb	nr Stribling Springs	22 Feb
Hogsett, Sallie, Mrs.	14 Feb	Staunton	22 Feb
Hays, Austin, colored	6 Feb	nr Staunton	22 Feb
Huffman, Eddie	16 Feb	Pittsylvania Co.	8 Mar
Henderson, Mary, Mrs.	Mon	Philadelphia, PA	15 Mar
Hubbert, S. Frank	Wed	Highland Co.	22 Mar
Hiner, Wm.	12 Mar	Port Penn, DE	22 Mar
Handy, Jas. H.	18 Mar	Staunton	29 Mar
Harmon, Jennie	21 Mar	"in the Canal"	29 Mar
Harman, Lewis	Sat	Rockingham Co.	10 May
Hoover, Benj.	recently	nr Harrisonburg	10 May
Hartman, David	3 May	Pocahantas Co., WV	31 May
Hill, Margaret, Mrs.	21 May	Staunton	14 Jun
Harris, Joshua, colored	Sun	Staunton	28 Jun
Harman, Elizabeth W., Mrs.	24 Jun	nr Churchville	28 Jun
Hanger, Kate	14 Jun	Alleghany Co.	5 Jul
Haynes, C. L., Col.	25 Jun	nr Fishersville	19 Jul
Hildebrand, Susan, Mrs.	4 Jul	Richmond	19 Jul
Harris, Joseph	Tue	nr Greenville	26 Jul
Humphreys, Nancy R., Mrs.	21 Jul	St. <u>Lois</u>	26 Jul
Hughart, Ludwell Mason	11 Jul	nr Mossy Creek	2 Aug
Hawkins, Andrew, colored	last wk	nr Big Creek, WV?	9 Aug
Huff, Thomas, Capt.	29 Jul	South River Township	16 Aug
Hunter, Wm. L.	Fri	McGaheysville	16 Aug
Hammen, Mary C., Mrs.	2 Aug	Rockingham Co.	30 Aug
Hall, Emma E., Mrs.	22 Aug	Greenville	20 Sep
Hagan, C. J., Mr.	Mon		27 Sep
Homer, Dorothy Ellis	22 Sep	nr Fort Defiance	11 Oct
Hiser, Catharine, Mrs.	30 Sep		

Heyward, Elizabeth St. Clair, Mrs.	12 Oct	Hardieville, SC	25 Oct
Hickman, Josiah	Wed	Rockbridge Co.	25 Oct
Ham, Julius Randolph	18 Oct	nr Koiner's Store	1 Nov
Ham, Clarence Franklin	20 Oct	nr Koiner's Store	1 Nov
Houston, Agnes Grace	13 Oct	Rockbridge Co.	1 Nov
Harman, Simon	Mon	Rockingham Co.	8 Nov
Houston, Mary M.	11 Jun	Monroe Co., WV	28 Jun
Hiser, Philip	8 Jan	nr Mt Sidney	1 Feb
Haney, Hannah, Mrs.	16 Apr	Rockingham Co.	3 May
Harvey, A. T.	8 Nov	Meridian, MS	15 Nov
Hull, Bessie		Monroe Co., WV	29 Nov
Hester, Shadrock, colored	Thu	Granville Co., NC	6 Dec
Harris, L. W.	Wed	Coal Valley ?	6 Dec
Hidy, Mantie, Mrs.	2 Dec	Craigsville	6 Dec
Hager, Eldridge H.	29 Nov	Wythe Co.	13 Dec
Hunter, Wm., colored	recently	Kanawha Co., WV	27 Dec
Herring, Peter	recently	Kanawha Co., WV	27 Dec
Herring, 2 sons of Peter ages 7 & 9 yrs	recently	Kanawha Co., WV	27 Dec
Hawkins, James	24 Jan	Rockingham Co.	19 Apr
Irvin, E. J., Mrs.	15 Apr	Hinton, WV	26 Apr
Johnson, Maria	31 Dec 1880	"Folly Farm" Augusta Co.	18 Jan
Joynes, Levin Smith, Dr., LLD	Sun	Richmond	25 Jan
Jarrett, James, Jr.	23 Jan	Greenbrier Co., WV	1 Feb
Jones, Rachel, colored	Sun	Page Co.	1 Feb
Jones, Roy	Fri	Fredericksburg	1 Feb
Johnson, Martha S., Mrs.	17 Feb	Staunton	22 Feb
Johnson, Hunter	Thu	between White Sulphur	8 Mar
Jones, Gillie Marshall, Mrs.	Mon	Louisa Court-house	5 Apr
Jackson, Marian, Mrs.	11 May	Rockingham Co.	17 May
Johnson, Wm.	recently	nr Ashland, KY	28 Jun
Judd, Joseph	recently	Page Co.	12 Jul
Johnson, R. W., Mr.	27 Jun	Ashland, KY	12 Jul
Johnson, Wash	Mon	Louisa Co.	19 Jul
Jones, Mr.	Sat	Sewell Station, WV	9 Aug
Jefferson, Thomas, colored	Sat	Staunton	1 Nov
Jennings, Richard	Wed	Austin, NV	20 Dec
Jordan, Joseph, Capt.	12 Apr	Rockingham Co.	19 Apr
Kayser, Peter	6 Jan	Augusta Co.	18 Jan
Kunkie, Margaret A., Mrs.	11 Jan	Pond Gap, Augusta Co.	18 Jan
Kinnison, Nancy, Mrs.	20 Jan	Pocahontas Co., WV	1 Feb
Karicoff, Benjamin	22 Feb	nr Sangersville	1 Mar
Kite, Madison	Thu	Page Co.	8 Mar
Kersey, Wm.	Sat	Richmond	22 Mar
Kunkle, Waddell	18 Feb	Washington Territory	22 Mar
Kinney, Archibald S.	19 Mar	Staunton	22 Mar
Kinney, John Henry	26 Mar	Staunton	29 Mar
Kendall, E. W., Capt.	Wed	Rappahannock Co.	19 Apr
Kagey, Isaac P.	19 Apr	Shenandoah Co.	26 Apr
Kincaid, James Dickinson	4 May	Greenbrier Co.	10 May

Kincaid, Rusk	30 Apr
Kurtz, Adam	14 Apr
Kinney, Robert H., Maj.	Fri
Kennedy, Wm. S.	13 Jun
Kersh, M. M., Mr.	29 Jun
Kemper, Matilda, Mrs.	9 Jul
Kelley, Michael	9 Jul
Knapp, Bettie S., Mrs.	30 Jun
Kincead, E. H.	22 Jul
Kice, George, Mrs.	15 Aug
Keller, son of John	recently
Kidder, Kirk	Sun
Keenan, Samuel B.	5 Sep
King, R. C., Mr.	Sun
Kice, Luella	Sun
Kraft, W. E.	Sat
Kinney, James W.	30 Oct
Kennedy, Thos.	Fri
Kearnes, Alexander	18 Nov
Kilpatrick, Judson, Gen.	Tue
Kayser, Jos. A.	10 Dec
Kyle, Geo. A.	11 Dec
Kinney, Charles Nicholas	17 Dec

Long, Henry	Dec 1880
Lee, Thomas	Fri
Lowe, Margaret, Mrs.	20 Jan
Leach, James F.	18 Feb
Lambert, Mary, Mrs.	25 Feb
Lyons, Hattie	Wed
Leech, Drusillia, Mrs.	27 Mar
Lane, Joseph, Gen.	Tue
Lohr, Jno.	19 Apr
Livesay, Jesse J.	30 Apr
Leftwich, James	recently
Lipscomb, Ruby D.	7 Jul
Lemley, John	Sun
Lee, W. F.	Fri
Larew, Mary Wilson	14 Aug
Lackey, Amanda, Mrs.	6 Sep
Lobban, W. A., Mr.	Fri
Lewis, John	Tue
Lindsay, Reuben, Dr.	Thu
Lauck, Wm. E.	Mon
Legg, George W.	Wed
Lonsberry, James	Sun
Lam, Virginia M.	18 Nov
Lewis, Ruth, Mrs.	22 Nov
Long, Annabel Blanche	Sun
Ladd, Sophia, Mrs.	Tue
Lambert, F. Pierce	Tue
Lindon, Lillian E.	3 Aug

Bath Co.	17 May
Nelson Co.	17 May
Grant Co., KY	31 May
Harrisonburg	21 Jun
Weyer's Cave Depot	5 Jul
Port Republic	12 Jul
Alleghany Co.	12 Jul
Greenbrier Co., WV	12 Jul
Highland Co.	2 Aug
Charlottesville	23 Aug
Rockingham Co.	12 Jul
Waynesboro	23 Aug
Monroe Co., WV	20 Sep
nr Rappahannock Station	11 Oct
Staunton	18 Oct
Staunton	1 Nov
Staunton	1 Nov
Alleghany Co.	8 Nov
nr Lewisburg, WV	29 Nov
	13 Dec
Washington City	13 Dec
Botetourt Co.	20 Dec
Staunton	20 Dec

Rockingham Co.	4 Jan
Everson Station, PA	18 Jan
Greenbrier Co., WV	1 Feb
Frederick Co.	1 Mar
Rockingham Co.	15 Mar
nr Waynesboro	5 Apr
Rockbridge Co.	5 Apr
Roseburg, Oregon	26 Apr
nr Mt. Solon	26 Apr
Greenbrier Co., WV	10 May
nr Ashland, KY	28 Jun
Staunton	12 Jul
Page Co.	19 Jul
Petersburg	9 Aug
Greenville	30 Aug
New Hope	20 Sep
Charlottesville	25 Oct
Fayette Co., WV	8 Nov
Albemarle Co.	8 Nov
Page Co.	15 Nov
Charlestown, WV	22 Nov
Alleghany Co.	29 Nov
Rockingham Co.	29 Nov
Greenbrier Co., WV	29 Nov
Highland Co.	29 Nov
nr Stuart's Mill	20 Dec
Harrisonburg	27 Dec
Rockingham Co.	16 Aug

Mustoe, Anthony	3 Jan	Bath Co.	11 Jan
McCue, John, Rev.	20 Sep 1818	nr Tinkling Spring Ch.	11 Jan
Miller, Margaret (McCue)	25 Oct 1880	Davies Co., MO	11 Jan
McDonall, John H.	Thu	Keachie, LA	18 Jan
Manly, Basil R., Prof.	21 Sep 1880	Keachie, LA	18 Jan
McClune, Rebecca	8 Jan	nr Staunton	18 Jan
Murray, Jane, colored	Mon	Cumberland Co.	25 Jan
Moore, George W.	20 Jan	Richmond	25 Jan
Moise, A.	Fri	Lynchburg	1 Feb
Miller, John M.	Tue	Lynchburg	1 Feb
McQuaide, Frances, Mrs.		Harrisonburg	8 Feb
Miller, Eliza, Mrs.	23 Jan	Rockbridge Co.	8 Feb
Miller, Wm. A., Mrs.	Fri	Lynchburg	15 Feb
McIlwee, Rebecca, Mrs.	Sun	nr Winchester	15 Feb
Minor, John, Dr.	Sun	Hot Springs, AR	22 Feb
Michael, Dennis	11 Feb	nr Mt. Zion	22 Feb
Mish, Wallace Warren	11 Feb	nr Middlebrook	22 Feb
McVeigh, James M.	13 Feb	Baltimore, MD	22 Feb
McMillion, Wm.	18 Feb	Greenbrier Co., WV	1 Mar
Michael, Dennis	11 Feb	nr Augusta Springs	1 Mar
Myers, child of Jacob	Sat	Pittsylvania	8 Mar
Miller, James, colored	Thu	Greenbrier Co., WV	8 Mar
Mowry, Dora	28 Feb	"Mowry's Mill"	8 Mar
Mowry, Arthur Lewis	28 Mar	nr Verona	29 Mar
Myers, William Henry	14 Mar	Rockingham Co.	29 Mar
Monroe, Caroline, colored	Sat	Staunton	5 Apr
March, John	Mon	Winchester	19 Apr
Matier, Jane, Mrs.	Sun	Staunton	19 Apr
Montgomery, John	7 Apr	Mint Spring	19 Apr
McIlhany, John Rogers	5 May	Staunton	10 May
Myers, Ellis	13 May	nr Salem Church	17 May
McKenny, W. H.	Wed	in Jackson's River	31 May
		nr Williamsin's	
Mann, Robert	19 May	Pocahontas Co., WV	31 May
Markwood, Mary, Mrs.	24 May	Staunton	31 May
Mackey, A. S., Dr.	24 May	Rockbridge Co.	14 Jun
McNeal, Jas., Mrs.	23 Jun	nr New Market	28 Jun
Murray, Arthur	29 Jun	nr Waynesboro	5 Jul
Markwood, Benjamin F.	17 Jul	Staunton	19 Jul
Morris, Owen C.	14 Jul	Staunton	19 Jul
Minitree, John, Jr.	Wed	Petersburg	26 Jul
McCorkle, Mattie	23 Jul	Lexington	2 Aug
Massey, Johnella	Tue	Albemarle Co.	16 Aug
McSherry, Phillip	Mon	Milton	16 Aug
Mathews, Thos.	10 Aug	Lewisburg, WV	16 Aug
McClure, Robert C.	Sun	Rockbridge Co.	16 Aug
Miller, David W.	Wed	nr Fishersville	23 Aug
Maxwell, James H.	Sat	North River	13 Sep
Massey, Clarence A.	Sat	Albemarle Co.	13 Sep
Mosely, Alexander		Richmond	13 Sep
Matter, Wm.	Sun	Orange C. H.	11 Oct
McCormick, Sallie S., Mrs.	15 Sep	nr Greenville	11 Oct
Maupin, Tilman J.	18 Oct	Richmond	25 Oct

McCombs, James	Sat	Coal Valley, WV	8 Nov
Mackey, Henry	4 Nov	Rockbridge Co.	8 Nov
McGuffin, Charles W.	1 Nov		8 Nov
McComb, man from PA	last wk	Shenandoah Valley RR	15 Nov
Mays, Rufus A.	28 Oct	Rockbridge Co.	15 Nov
Myers, Eliza, Mrs.	2 Nov	Shenandoah Alum Springs	15 Nov
Miller, Wm. H., Dr.	10 Nov	Page Co.	22 Nov
Montgomery, John, Rev.	1805	Augusta	29 Nov
Martin, Son of Richard		Pulaski Co.	29 Nov
McDermott, James	Sat	Nicholas Co., WV	29 Nov
Martin, Isaac	17 Nov	Rockbridge Co.	6 Dec
McIlhany, Mattie C., Mrs.	4 Dec	Staunton	6 Dec
Moffett, C. A., Mrs.	25 Nov	Staunton	6 Dec
Murray, Maggie	Sun	Shenandoah Co.	13 Dec
McMullan, Lida	Sat	Charleston, WV	20 Dec
McFall, Wm.	6 Dec	Vermillion Co., IN	20 Dec
Murrell, John	Fri	Southampton Co.	27 Dec
Moore, Morocco, colored	recently	Kanawha Co.	27 Dec
Mowry, John Cyrus	7 Dec	Leadville, CO	27 Dec
McDowell, Betsy		Lexington	7 Jun
Newham, H. Edward	Tue	Staunton	25 Jan
Newman, Henry, colored	Dec 1880	Winchester	8 Feb
Norgrove, Henry	31 Jan	Lexington	22 Feb
Nichols, Chauncey	16 Mar	Fayette Co., WV	29 Mar
Nelligan, Bridget, Mrs.	yesterday	Staunton	29 Mar
Newman, Margaret	5 Apr	Rockingham Co.	19 Apr
Nicely, Mary Virginia	15 May	Rockbridge Co.	31 May
Nulan, Edward	Wed	Staunton	12 Jul
Nicholas, John A.	26 Jul	nr Port Republic	9 Aug
Newcomb, Charlie	Sat	Staunton	20 Sep
Nesmith, Jane, Mrs.	12 Nov	Lewisburg, WV	22 Nov
O'Donnell, Mike	Fri	nr Lexington, NC	4 Jan
O'Brien, Neill	Sat	Staunton	15 Feb
O'Connor, M. P., Hon.	Tue	Charleston, SC	3 May
Oden, Robbie	Wed	Staunton	31 May
O'Brien, James	Thu	Rockingham Co.	21 Jun
O'Brien, Julia	Fri	Staunton	13 Sep
O'Rork, Roy Bucher	20 Sep	Staunton	27 Sep
O'Connor, John P.	28 Oct	Millboro	1 Nov
Otey, Walter P.	Sat	Bedford Co.	29 Nov
Points, Eveline Eng	2 Jan	Staunton	4 Jan
Penn, Ann B., Mrs.	31 Dec 1880	nr Fincastle	11 Jan
Peters, Wm., colored	Sat	Harrisonburg	11 Jan
Puckett, Henry	Fri	Richmond	18 Jan
Puckett, Joshua, bro. of Henry	some yrs ago		18 Jan
Pelter, Minnie	9 Jan	nr Waynesboro	18 Jan
Pinckard, Knox	Fri	Georgetown, CO	18 Jan
Peters, Rebecca, Mrs.	5 Jan	prob. Augusta Co.	18 Jan
Peters, George	Nov 1874		18 Jan
Poague, Isabella	Fri	Rockbridge Co.	1 Feb

Powers, Lelia A.	19 Jan	Staunton	1 Feb
Pennell, Nancy, Mrs.	Tue	Lewisburg, WV	8 Feb
Pritt, Thomas L.	15 Jan	Monroe Co., WV	8 Feb
Peyton, Edwin	Wed	Staunton	15 Feb
Plerat, Geo.	Feb	Kentucky	15 Feb
Peyton, Edwin O.	9 Feb	Staunton	15 Feb
Pool, George H., Rev.	recently	Long Island, NY	1 Mar
Patterson, John A.	27 Feb	Cass County, MO	15 Mar
Price, Elizabeth M., Mrs.	25 Feb	Greenbrier Co., WV	15 Mar
Parker, Ida May	4 Apr	Staunton	5 Apr
Price, Wm. C.	9 Apr	Pocahontas Co., WV	19 Apr
Paupaw,	5/6 Mar	Botetourt Co.	19 Apr
Packett, Lucy E., Mrs.	14 Apr	Jefferson Co., WV	26 Apr
Preston, John S., Hon.	Sun	Columbia, SC	10 May
Poor, Elizabeth A., Mrs.	21 Apr	Alleghany Co.	10 May
Proffit, J. A., Mr.	Thu	Albemarle Co.	17 May
Patterson, Anderson, colored	Sun	Staunton	21 Jun
Points, John Jacob, Sr.	Sun	Staunton	21 Jun
Paul, John	Sun	Warm Springs	28 Jun
Payne, Lawrence	Sat	Culpeper Co.	5 Jul
Pritchard, Wealthy Hill Wilcox, Mrs.		Asbury Park, NJ	12 Jul
Perrow, daughter of Dr. C. Henry	20 Jul	Lexington	9 Aug
Patterson, Robert, Gen.	Sat	Philadelphia, PA	9 Aug
Powell, Mr.	Sat	Sewell Station, WV	9 Aug
Price, Harriet, Mrs.	13 Aug	Augusta Co.	16 Aug
Patterson, Andrew	30 Jul	Rockbridge Co.	16 Aug
Peyton, Joshua	Sat	Norfolk Co.	6 Sep
Parker, Sidney, colored	Wed	Charlottesville	27 Sep
Prescott, D. W., Dr.	27 Sep	Edinburg	4 Oct
Peyton, Thos. P.	Sun	Albemarle Co.	11 Oct
Parrott, Daniel J.	Thu	Charlottesville	8 Nov
Price, Maria, Mrs.	16 Nov	Staunton	29 Nov
Poff, Mrs.	4 Dec	Montgomery Co.	27 Dec
Rutherford, Sam'l J.	26 Dec 1880	Richmond	4 Jan
Randolph, Margaret D.	last wk	Albemarle Co.	4 Jan
Randolph, bro. of Margaret	few days previous	Albemarle Co.	4 Jan
Reynolds, Corbin M., Mrs.	Wed	Richmond	18 Jan
Russell, Christiana, Mrs.	Sat	Keedysville, MD	18 Jan
Reynolds, Prof.	10 Nov 1880	Keachie, LA	18 Jan
Roach, William	Sat	nr Talcott, WV	1 Mar
Reagan, Edward	20 Feb	Carter Co., KY	8 Mar
Reeves, M. E., Miss	last wk	Mt. Solon	8 Mar
Rife, youngest daughter of Wm.	14 Feb	Rockingham Co.	8 Mar
Rife, eldest daughter of Wm.	20 Feb	Rockingham Co.	8 Mar
Rife, remaining daughter of Wm.	Mon	Rockingham Co.	8 Mar
Reynolds, Judith, Mrs.	7 Mar	Greenbrier Co., WV	15 Mar
Rogers, Eli	Mon	Greenbrier Co., WV	29 Mar
Rader, Adam	7 Apr	Culpeper Co.	19 Apr
Riddle, Tabner	Sun	Naked Creek nr Burke's Mill	26 Apr
Riddlebarger, son of Eli		nr Mt. Pisgah Church	10 May
Ragan, Frances, Mrs.	3 May	Harrisonburg	10 May
Rawlings, Richard C.	7 May	Philadelphia, PA	17 May

Roudabush, Sallie, Mrs.	4 May	Rockingham Co.	7 Jun
Russell, Harriet	Mon	Winchester	28 Jun
Robertson, Lafayette	Sat	Charlottesville	28 Jun
Rice, Maggie	22 Jun	Harrisonburg	28 Jun
Radley, W. G., Mr.	Sat	Harrisonburg	8 Nov
Rose, John	Fri	Weston, WV	18 Oct
Regester, Samuel, Rev.	Mon	Prince George Co., MD	1 Nov
Ruffner, Dinah, Mrs.	Sun	Kanawha Co., WV	1 Nov
Robertson, Peter	Fri	Albemarle Co.	29 Nov
Rains, Cyrus	18 Nov	Greenbrier Co., WV	29 Nov
Rowan, Lucy, Mrs.	19 Nov	Monroe Co., WV	6 Dec
Roller, Annie C.	16 Dec	Mt. Crawford Depot	20 Dec
Snyder, Joseph	last wk	nr Bethlehem, PA	4 Jan
Suttle, Charles F., Col.	recently	Rocky Mount	4 Jan
Stogdale, Maria J., Mrs.	3 Dec 1880	nr Newport	4 Jan
Snyder, Jacob H.	3 Jan	nr Staunton	11 Jan
Seitz, Edward B.		Easton, PA	18 Jan
Schofield, Chas. B.	Wed	Newburyport, MA	18 Jan
Supple, Sarah W., Mrs.	7 Jan	Greenville	25 Jan
Smiley, Margaret, Mrs.	Sun	nr Middlebrook	1 Feb
Swink, Stuart	Wed	Staunton	1 Feb
Smith, Ira	Sat	Richmond	15 Feb
Shuey, George, Mrs.	Feb	Swoope's Depot	15 Feb
Sibert, J. H., Col.	Mon	Shenandoah Co.	22 Feb
Stace, Henry Going	14 Feb	Fairoaks, South River	22 Feb
Smith, Wesley Harrison	Mon	Henry Co., KY	15 Mar
Shepherd, Nannie, Mrs.	1 Mar	Nelson Co.	15 Mar
Smith, Wm. R.	18 Mar	Staunton	22 Mar
Sheets, Elmo P.	15 Mar	Augusta Co.	22 Mar
Swink, Charlie	5 Mar		22 Mar
Steele, Campbell	11 Mar	Monroe Co., WV	29 Mar
Salyards, Minnie	30 Mar		19 Apr
Sheeran, James, Rev. Father	recently	Morristown, NJ	19 Apr
Sipe, James	10 Apr	Port Republic	19 Apr
Silvine, John	9 Apr	Shenandoah Co.	19 Apr
Shuey, Lewis	Wed	nr Fincastle	17 May
Saunders, Winfield, colored	16 May	Fayette Co., WV	31 May
Shanklin, R. V., Dr.	21 May	Monroe Co., WV	31 May
Sheets, George, Capt.	May 1862		14 Jan
Sterling, Mabel B.	26 Jun	Staunton	28 Jun
Stribling, Bettie Ann	18 Jun	Richmond	28 Jun
Sherman, P. D., Mrs.	27 Jun	nr Verona	5 Jul
Smith, Thos. H.	Mon	nr Manchester	12 Jul
Simmons, Pleasant, colored	7 Jun	Danville	12 Jul
Smith, infant of Wm.	10 Jul	Waynesboro	19 Jul
St. Andrew, J. A. H., Mr.	Wed	Farmville	26 Jul
Sargent, Thomas	Tue	Tuckahoe Station	26 Jul
Simms, Sallie, colored	Sun	City Almshouse	2 Aug
Shuey, George	27 Aug	nr Swoope's Depot	30 Aug
Shaver, Joseph	9 Sep	Augusta Co.	13 Sep
Scruggs, Walter	Thu	Lynchburg	27 Sep
Scott, John	Wed	Monroe Co., WV	27 Sep

Seig, Augustus B.	3 Sep	Oakland Springs, MD	27 Sep
Sibert, Lorenzo	25 Sep	Staunton	27 Sep
Sheets, George D.	24 Sep	Mt. Crawford	4 Oct
Schmid, Henry	Sat	Cannellton, C&O RR	18 Oct
Swartz, Hannah	4 Oct	nr Cherry Grove	18 Oct
Smith, Wm.	22 Oct	Rockingham Co.	1 Nov
Sayer, Lorenzo, colored	Wed	Halifax Co.	8 Nov
Stewart, Hugh R.	5 Nov	Raton, NM	8 Nov
Seebert, J. F.	Fri	Rockbridge Co.	15 Nov
Showalter, Jacob, Mrs.	Fri	nr Mt Solon	8 Nov
Spitzer, Charles	1861	prob. Shenandoah Co.	15 Nov
Spitzer, Elizabeth	25 Nov	Evanston, WY	15 Nov
Smith, Maggie May	19 Nov	Staunton	
Speck, Parthena, Mrs.	16 Nov	Rockingham Co.	22 Nov
Sitlington, Thos., Col.	5 Oct	Bath Co.	29 Nov
Sitlington, Margaret	about 1820	Bath Co.	29 Nov
Shannon, Samuel	1822	Indiana	29 Nov
Salmon, Isaac	Fri	Richmond	29 Nov
Snead, Horace W.	Sat	Albemarle Co.	29 Nov
Sandy, Wm. Arthur	12 Nov	Rockingham Co.	29 Nov
Sandy, Cora Elizabeth	18 Nov	Rockingham Co.	29 Nov
Shumake, S. J. Oeolie	23 Nov	Mt. Sidney	29 Nov
Smith, child of Abram		Nelson Co.	6 Dec
Sigafoose, Wm. A., Jr.	26 Nov	nr Relay House on B&O RR	6 Dec
Stevens, John H., Dr.	Thu	Dallas, TX	6 Dec
Silling, Ora	2 Nov	nr Mt Solon	6 Dec
Sullivan, Timothy	Wed	nr Staunton	6 Dec
Sclater, Wm.		Newport News	20 Dec
Steers, Thomas	recently	Colorado	20 Dec
Steele, Samuel H., Mrs.	Sun	nr Fishersville	20 Dec
Tate, A. C., Hon.	Tue	Clearfield, PA	4 Jan
Turpin, Susan Lamar, Mrs.	Fri	Warrenton	11 Jan
Thompson, Mary, Mrs.	2 Jan	Winchester	11 Jan
Thornton, David	17 Jan	nr Arbor Hill	25 Jan
Tucker, Elizabeth	Fri	Lynchburg	1 Feb
Trimble, Charlie H.	20 Dec 1880		1 Feb
Thompson, Margaret, Mrs.	9 Feb	Rockbridge Co.	22 Feb
Trimble, William Allen	Dec 1821		15 Mar
Toland, William	20 Mar	nr Lewisburg, WV	29 Mar
Timberlake, H. T.	Fri	Albemarle Co.	5 Apr
Tompson, Margaret, Mrs.	Sat	Botetourt Co.	7 Jun
Thompson, Richard, colored	Wed	Richmond	14 Jun
Tate, Mattie L.	16 Jun	Staunton	21 Jun
Thomas, Ed, colored	21 Jun	Southampton Co.	28 Jun
Titcomb, Moses	26 Jun	Franklin Falls, MA	12 Jul
Trout, Rebecca, Mr.	2 Jul	Front Royal	12 Jul
Thrasher, "Aunt Sallie"	5 Jul	Roanoke Co.	19 Jul
Thomas, J. Hanson, Dr.	last wk	White Sulphur Springs, WV	19 Jul
Teabo, Ella M., Mrs.	2 Aug	Staunton	23 Aug
Thomas, Ed	Tue	Charleston, WV	11 Oct
Towberman, George, Capt.	8 Nov	nr New Hope	22 Nov
Triplett, Leonidas	11 Dec	Fauquier Co.	13 Dec

Tyree, James T.	Sat	Richmond	27 Dec
VanLear, Margie	7 Jan	Mt. Solon	11 Jan
Varner, John	12 Feb	Pocahontas Co., WV	1 Mar
VanLear, D. Newton, Hon.	Fri	nr Mt. Solon	5 Apr
Vettor, Harry	11 Feb	Philadelphia, PA	26 Apr
Varner, Mary, Mrs.		Hardy Co., WV	17 May
Vint, dau of J. M.	16 Sep	Rockingham Co.	27 Sep
Vandergrit, Wm.	Mon	Kanawha Co. WV	27 Dec
Venable, Mary P., Mrs.	14 Oct	nr Farmville	18 Oct
Whiting, Mary B., Mrs.	last wk	Clarke Co.	4 Jan
When, Chas. E.	27 Dec 1880	Staunton	4 Jan
Weed, Hannah, Mrs.	26 Dec 1880	Baltimore, MD	4 Jan
Wise, Bertha, Mrs.	2 Jan	Harrisonburg	18 Jan
Wright, Henry	Wed	Norfolk Co.	18 Jan
Whittier, engineer in Union flour mills		Detroit, MI	18 Jan
White, Wm. M., Mrs.	within last 2 yrs.		18 Jan
White, Rena Carroll	14 Jan	nr Staunton	18 Jan
Weaver, Thos. H., Dr.	21 Jan	McGaheysville	25 Jan
Wine, Mr.	last wk	Rappahannock Co.	1 Feb
White, Mary Baldwin	8 Feb	Staunton	15 Feb
Wood, Fernando, Hon.	Sun	Hot Springs, AR	22 Feb
Williams, James, colored	Fri	Staunton	22 Feb
Wayland, Lucy, colored	Sat	Staunton	22 Feb
Wilmore, Mrs.	Mon	nr Lexington	8 Mar
Wetzell, 2 children of Wm.	recently	Shenandoah Co.	8 Mar
Wiley, Mary Jane	recently	Mercer Co., WV	15 Mar
Wise, Williams	1 Mar	Rockingham Co.	15 Mar
Woods, Wilson	1 Mar	Shenandoah Co.	15 Mar
Wallace, Wm. T.	17 Apr	Greenville	19 Apr
White, John D.	Tue	Greenbrier Co., WV	26 Apr
Watkins, Frederick	22 Feb	Volcano, WV	3 May
Winn, John	Thu	Paris, KY	3 May
Williams, child of Jas.	Wed	Greenbrier Co., WV	10 May
Wilson, John H.	recently	Mossy Creek, TN	10 May
Whitesell, Peter	3 May	Roanoke Co.	17 May
Whitesell, Peter, Mrs.	1 May	Roanoke Co.	17 May
Woods, Spott, colored	Tue	Dogtown nr Waynesboro	7 Jun
Wilson, Emma Estelle	15 May	Georgetown, CO	7 Jun
Worcester, Mrs.	Wed	Norfolk Co.	28 Jun
Wright, Virginia, Mrs.	19 Jun	Bridgewater	28 Jun
Wilson, Joseph, Dr.	1 Jul	nr Parnassus	5 Jul
Whittle, Conway	Sun	Norfolk	5 Jul
Whitney, Wm. J.	26 Jan	Washington City	12 Jul
Wyncoop, 4 children of George	past wk	nr Berryville	12 Jul
Wyman, John, Prof.	Sat	Burlington, PA	9 Aug
Worcester, Elizabeth, Mrs.	last wk	Cambridge, MA	23 Aug
Waddell, Livingston, Dr.	17 Aug	Lexington	23 Aug
Woodward, Thos. E.	Wed	Williamson's	23 Aug
Woodward, John H., Capt.	Sun	Staunton	23 Aug
Whisman, Enoch	19 Aug	Staunton	23 Aug
White, Nellie	Thu	Thornton, WV	20 Sep

Whitesel, Jacob	23 Sep	nr Mt. Crawford	4 Oct
Watson, Wm. Edward	5 Oct	Summers Co., WV	11 Oct
Woods, Tandy	Sat	Albemarle Co.	11 Oct
Whitmore, Annie	14 Oct	Greenbrier Co., WV	25 Oct
Wine, John	26 Oct	on South River	1 Nov
Weaver, Sarah Mildred, Mrs.	4 Nov	Rockingham Co.	8 Nov
White, John A.	Sun	Rockingham Co.	6 Dec
Wright, William, Mrs.	Fri	Caroline Co.	20 Dec
Watts, J. Franklin	Sat	Greenbrier Co., WV	
Wine, Catharine, Mrs.	11 Feb	Rockingham Co.	1 Mar
Yarbrough, Wm.	Sat	Williamson's	30 Aug
Young, Ann C., Mrs.	16 Oct	Staunton	18 Oct
Zirkle, Moses	18 Mar	nr Mt. Jackson	29 Mar

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Diary and Message Book

Signalman Charles Coatsworth Phillips

II Corps, Army of Northern Virginia, Confederate States Army

Part One

This diary belonging to Charles P. Blackley, grandson of Charles Coatsworth Phillips, was transcribed in 1955 by Arl Haverlin of New York City. Charles Coatsworth Phillips was born September 18, 1843 at Urbanna, Md. Following the war he graduated from the University of Maryland Medical School and returned to Staunton to practice. He died November 18, 1887 and is buried in Thornrose Cemetery. His brother Samuel Travers Phillips, a VMI Cadet wounded at New Market (who he saw on May 23, 1864 at Hanover Junction) later became the first Commonwealth's Attorney for the City of Staunton. Another brother, Reuben Triplett Phillips, also seen at Hanover Junction, was a man who enjoyed life to its fullest. The transcription was retyped and verified by Richard M. Hamrick, Jr. and many of the military names and places mentioned were identified by Robert J. Driver, Jr. of Brownsburg.

Signal Station, Hdqrs 2nd Corps
Army of Northern Virginia
April 28, 1864

Major Boggan¹: Major Bridgeford has thirty (30) prisoners at Orange Ct. H. for 2nd Corps—Send for them. (S) Col. Taylor³

Lieut. Wilmer⁴ - Have you established a signal station at Gibson's⁵ house? (S) Capt. W.⁶

Lieut. Wilmer - Send men (?) at once to Gibson's house to establish a station. (S) Capt. Wilbourn

Capt. W - No (S) Lt. Wilmer

Capt. W. - I have received my orders from Gen. Johnson⁸. Are your orders to supercede his? (S) Lieut. W.

Capt. W. - Capt. Adams⁹ can spare men to go to Locust Grove. When and where shall they report and is there any command where they can draw rations from.

(S) Col. Taylor

Col. Taylor - Let the men report at Locust Grove tomorrow at 9 o'clock A.M. with one good glass and two white flags. They can draw rations from Capt. Thornton¹⁰, C.S. of Early's¹¹ Division.

(S) Capt. W.

Lieut. Wilmer - Does Gen'l Johnson desire you to keep all of your men at his Hd Qrs and does he not wish to communicate by signals with the brigade he has on picket?

(S) Capt. W.

Arrived here from home last night. Today was beautiful though a little windy. Early has been under house arrest for the last day or two—He was placed under arrest by Ewell¹². Hero has the distemper but he is better today.

Capt. Wilbourn - Half of this command will be down in picket ere long and he wishes a post established then. (S) Lt. Wilmer

Hd Qrs. 2nd Corps, April 29, 1864

Maj. Green¹³ - I will transport in addition to the tools in hand, 30 picks, and 152 shovels. Don't forget a ratio of picks and shovels.

(S) Gen. Rodes¹⁴

Today is very beautiful - The sun is bright and there is very little wind—went to Orange to see about extra baggage, etc. Loaned Henry (horse?) to Col Allen¹⁵. Couldn't find two of the boxes. Got back from Orange at half past seven.

Hd Qrs A.N. Va., April 30, 1864

Started from Gen'l Ewells about half past eight for Gen. Lee's¹⁶ station to assist Kry Kendall¹⁷ during the absence of Brown¹⁸ who was to have left for Richmond to purchase some glasses—B. didn't go but will probably leave in the morning.

Today has been so far a real April one - Cloudy & rainy & then clear & right. Commenced reading Macaira by Miss Evans¹⁹, authoress of Beulah

Hd Qrs, A.N. Va., May 1st, 1864

It has been very cloudy & foggy all day. It rained a little last night. Commenced to clear off about ten & the sun came out but it is now eleven A.M., cloudy again. Brown left for Richmond—Two boxes with a keg & B's ___K's extra baggage left for Staunton. Read VI & VII Ch. of II Cor. No off as (?) yet (11) AM. "Practical Hints for Camp Life"—Every journey sh'd be commenced slowly & gradually increased in speed after 1st hour. For marching use wool socks. The hotter the ground, the thicker the socks sh'd be. — Soap socks well if marching to keep feet from blistering—Should the feet chafe shift the socks from one foot to the other & bathe them often in cool water or better still warm urine—If the feet sh'd blister rub them with tallow & a little spirits—In walking use a steady & uniform step—In resting (?) a man sh'd be at full length to keep from becoming stiff—When lying down aft a march elevate the feet to let the heated blood flow back to the body—During a march on a hot day put something b't the hat & the head such as green grass, leaves, newspaper, handkerchief, etc. Wear the hair short—When dusty breathe through the nostrils or if compelled to breathe through the mouth do so through a rag. Aft a hot march cool oneself by bathing the wrists, hands, ankles & temple & rinse the mouth out after bf drinking. When skin is rubbed off cover the spot with a piece of paper smeared with tallow or soap or simply wet. In malarious districts never camp by a marsh or low grass but go to leeward—Of a cold windy night select a place for camping when the grass shows the least wind. The south side of a rock which has been exposed all day to the sun will at night radiate much heat. Never sleep next to the ground but always have something bt. Always make a trench around the sleeping place especially if rain threatens. We still have our station between the plank road & old turnpike about 2 mls from Orange C.H.

Gen. Lee — Inspection of about 1 Div of the enemy's Cav. took place on the hill this side of Culpepper Ct. H. this morning. Inspection of about 100 wagons at the same point. A large wagon train parked to the left of Stevenson's²⁰ brig. probably for inspection. The atmosphere is too smokey to see the condition of all the enemy's camps. As far as can be observed there is no change

(Sd) Sgt. Wynn

Gen. Lee — The camps between the Rappahannock & Bealton have disappeared. No other change perceptible.

(S.) Sgt. Wynn²¹

Hd Qrs A.N. Va., May 2, 1864

Alternately cloudy & clear today up to this time. Rained a little last night. Went to Orange Ct. H. to see Capt. Elhart²² about blank forms & in regard to the extra hay for private horses. Passed two battalions of Art. on the march to the front. Inf. is also moving & we may expect a move soon. Burnside²³ is said to have camped at Kelly's²⁴ ford is now probably with Grant²⁵. Capt. Manning²⁶, Sig. Off. of Longstreet's²⁷ Corps dined with us—Also Klinepeter²⁸ of Early's Sig. Corps.

Gen'l Ewell—Washington N.C. has been evacuated by the enemy—Hoke's²⁹ Brigade 21st Gd & 43rd N. C. regiment ordered here.

(Sd) Gen. Lee

Gen. Lee—The enemy is reviewing a division of cavalry near Stevensburg & same artillery.

(Sd) Capt. W.

Capt. Wilbourn - Gen. Stuart³⁰ has been directed to extend all facilities to the station at Mine Run for a night line. The Gen. wishes a night line between that point and you.

(Sd) Col. Taylor

The wind is now (bt 5 & 6 P.M.) blowing a perfect hurricane. It is also raining very hard with occasional peals of thunder & some hail.

Hd Qr. A.N. Va., May 3rd

Today is clear but so far (7) very cool.

Gen. Ewell—Meet me on Clark's Mtn. at 12 M.

(Sd) Gen. Lee

Gen. Lee—Gen. Ewell has reached the Mtn. & will await your arrival.

(Sd) Capt. W.

Went to Orange after the box & two Demijohns which I succeeded in getting after some search. Filled up four canteens and sent to Mtn. by number & also an inventory of goods in box. Saw A. P. Hill³¹ who was at the cars with his wife. Brown returned today but without the glasses—He brought a pr of operas for Gen. Ewell, also a pocket compass & 2 letters all of which I brought to Gen. Ewell's Hd. Qrs. this evening

—Read XVI Ch. Rev. this morning. Gens. Lee, Rodes, Ewell, Gordon³² were on the Mtn most of the day aft 12 M.

Hd Qrs A.N. Va., May 4, 1864

Gen. Ewell—Many of the enemy's camps have disappeared—Large wagon trains moving through Stevensburg towards Willis Maddens³³—trv sy 6 1/2 AM.

(Sd) Sgt. Wynn

Received a letter from Pa yesterday. Read CXX-CXXI-CXXII Ps—The enemy were sending up rockets last night as sig. lights & this morning they are moving now. Probably started last night.

Gen. Ewell—A column of Infantry is moving in a road from Brandy Station to Cole's Hill

8 A.M. Sgt. Wynn

Gen. Ewell—All the enemy's camps save cavalry have disappeared. Infantry now passing through to Stevensburg toward Willis Maddens — All movements apparently toward the right.

B. L. Wynn

Gen. Ewell — From present indications everything seems to be moving on Germanna & Ely's fords roads, except cavalry in our front.

Capt. W.

Gen. Johnson — Are you moving your big. & Hd Qrs.?

Gen. Ewell

Gen. Ewell — We are moving.

Gen. Johnson

Gen. Ewell — Capt. Wilbourn reports everything moving to our right except cavalry—If so, better move the divisions to occupy lines on Mine Run & be prepared for action.

Gen. Lee

Gen. Ewell — Had I not better move Daniels³⁴ and Doles³⁵ (?) toward New Verdierville?

Gen. Rodes

Gen. Ewell — Gen. Johnson's station if broken up.

(Signature illegible)

Gen. Rodes — Move at once to your old lines on Mine Run. Battles³⁶ Brig. is ordered to Zoar Church.

Gen. Ewell

Col. Taylor—Are there any orders for moving Rodes? Will Gen. Lee give them?

Gen. Ewell

Gen. Ewell—Gen. Rodes has been directed to move down towards Mine Run on old turnpike and communicate with you.

Col. Taylor

Gen. Lee—Please give Long³⁷ orders for his artillery.

Gen. Ewell

Gen. Ewell—Your dispatches received. I move down the old pike.

Gen. Rodes

Gen. Ewell—Gen. Long has orders to move down to our right.

(Sd) Col. Taylor

Gen. Ewell—Nearly everything has left Brandy—A party of cavalry has left Cul. (peper) C.H.

(Sd) Capt. W.

Gen. Ewell—F. Lee³⁸ reports the enemy within 5 miles of Fredericksburg—We must try and attach his rear. Is Early ready to follow. Cav. will replace your pickets.

(Sd) Gen. Lee

Gen. Rodes—Leavel's³⁹ Battery under Maj. Page⁴⁰ is at Pisgah & under orders to report to you. Communicate with him.

(Sd) Col. Pendleton⁴¹

Gen. Ewell—The enemy's cavalry reported to have gone as far as Zoar's Church between Chancellorsville & Fredericksburg and to be retiring.

(Sd) Gen. Lee

Col. Taylor—My command is moving—Will Col. Corley⁴² give the trains orders Gen Lee—Early moves in half an hour. The rest of the command is under way toward Mine Run by Old Turnpike and Zoar Church Roads.

Gen. Ewell

Capt. W.—I am going to establish a post at the Widow Leater (Lester)⁴³ House on our old line near Zoar Church. Do you know the place?

Lt. Wilmer

Lt. W.—No, but I can find it.

Capt. Wilbourn

Gen. Ewell—Major Cowles⁴⁴ reports the enemy's cavalry advancing in the plank road near New Yope Church and on the pike near Locust Grove.

Capt. W.

Col. Taylor—When will the cavalry relieve my pickets?

Gen. Ewell

Sta. B.—Gen. Ewell has gone to Locust Grove—communicate with him through the station at the Widow Liebe⁴⁵ house.

Col. Pendleton

Left Mortons⁴⁶ house about eight and a half PM and arrived back at camp about one AM May 5 at Locust Grove—Found Otway⁴⁷ and Robert⁴⁸ cooking rations—ate supper and went to bed.

May 5, 1864

Got up this morning before sunrise. Ate early breakfast and am now on post at Locust Grove.

May 6, 1864

Col. Taylor—I have gone to Locust Grove by way of Zoar Church. I will have all my command at L. Grove tonight except pickets—Nelson's⁴⁹, Pope's⁵⁰ and Leavel's batteries of Art. are with me.

Gen. Ewell

Too smokey to see Clark's Mtn. (7 1/2). We have been skirmishing pretty heavily on the right since 7 1/2-9 1/2. Firing has ceased. 1:10 PM. Very heavy infantry firing now along our lines - occasional shots from artillery. We have been fighting hard ever since this morning - Ewell has captured about 2000 prisoners, I suppose. I have just (5 1/2) returned from riding over the field where Gordon's brigade and some others fought. A good many dead Yankees there and also a good many of our own. We fought through a dense wood of pines. Gen. J.M. Jones⁵¹ was killed while rallying his brigade

which behaved rather badly at first as they had to form under a heavy fire. Col. Waner⁵² {sic} killed. Col. Miller⁵³ wounded - Gen. Stafford⁵⁴ mortally wounded. Col. Randolph⁵⁵, 2nd Virginia, killed. Capt. Wilbourn captured a fine horse. It had been shot through the fleshy part of the left foreleg and same ball injured the bone of the right hind leg.

May 6, 1864, Locust Grove

Got up before day - Gen. Ewell left for the lines at 3 AM. Very heavy infantry firing along Ewell's whole front and occasional shots from artillery - the enemy are now (nine) charging us and I have never heard such terrific musketry - only occasional shots from our artillery. Now from enemy's - Ewell is said to have captured four pieces of artillery. Col. Brown⁵⁶ and Jones⁵⁷ of the Art. were killed — Gen. Pegram⁵⁸ slightly wounded. Gen. Heth⁵⁹ killed (a mistake). Gen. Longstreet wounded. Enemy is said to have charged us in three lines; The first of which was virtually annihilated. We lost very few in the charge, as we fought behind works — Gordon captured two Gen's. in the night — Shafer⁶⁰ {sic} and Seymour⁶¹. Very little fighting along Ew's front after one o'clock.

May 7, 1864, near Locust Grove

Raining a little — still unable to communicate, as the woods are on fire between us & mtn. No fighting on Ew's part. Gen. Jenkins⁶³ killed, Gen. Benning⁶⁴ wounded—rode along Hill's possessive front—he rode along Hill's defensive front—he killed three brigadiers.

May 8

On the march all day—have been following Gens. Lee, Ewell and Pendleton's Route (?) all day. Anderson⁶⁴, Commanding Longstreet's Corps has whipped the enemy and is still driving him before him. Genls. Lee, Ewell, Rodes, Ramseu⁶⁵ are now conversing together. Gen. Ewell's corps got into position at Spottsylvania Ct.Hs. about 6 PM. Had a little skirmish but it amounted to nothing Found the wagons about 11 near Block's house.

May 9

Early commands Hills corps - Hill sick - The cavalry and Johnston's {sic} brigade⁶⁶ have been skirmishing pretty heavily all the morning near Spottsylvania Ch. A spent ball is said to have struck Gen. Ewell without hurting him—I have been up most of the day so far (12M). Where Stuart is fighting Burnside's Corps. Burnside is moving to the right and Early is just passing with part of third corps to oppose them—The day has been occupied in maneuvering. Grant concentrating his forces in both flanks—A little cannonading towards evening & est (?) to camp near the Brick house, about sunset. Remained an hour and the wagons were ordered to Gen. Ew's Hd. Qr. about a mile and a half below.

May 10, 1864

Went again this morning to our videttes where I had a fine view of the enemy. Very little force, I think, on the right. The enemy has been concentrating his forces on our left & the heaviest artillery fire of the campaign is now going on. Very severe fighting along part of lines today. The enemy thirty deep charged our lines or a part of them and drove our men out the works—we repulsed them after a terrific batter and took back the art. Col. Higginbotham⁶⁷ 25th Va. killed. Col. Buckner⁶⁸, 44th Va. killed. Gen. Hayes⁶⁹ {sic} wounded. The Yankee Gen. Sedgwick⁷⁰ was killed—Gen. Lee cheered on our men when we repulsed the enemy from our works. Capt. Turner⁷¹ A.D.C. was wounded - Went to the picket post below the CH & had a good view of en. Grazed our horses about 4 hrs. 2 mls. from CH. Took a bath and came back to the church near CH where we remained some time observing the enemy's maneuvers. Gens. Wilcox⁷², McGowan⁷³ and Col. Walker⁷⁴ were present. Enemy attacked our right near the church before we left. Shells whistled pretty close & one burst near the Capt. Berke⁷⁵, Kuykendall⁷⁶ and me. Read VI Chap. Gal. Number of my pistol 94,637, Navy stock, silver plated. Brig Gen. H. H. Walker⁷⁷ lost his right foot. Hutchinson⁷⁸ of Longstreet Sig. Corps. was killed. Montgomery⁷⁹ of Heth's Sig. Corps, mortally wounded.

May 11, 1864

Some heavy skirmishing along our lines—some think that the enemy have left & there is only a strong rear guard in our front. Grazed our horses through the lines. Had a thunderstorm in the evening & I got very wet. Found the wagons after a long search about 9 PM. Went to bed wet. I read XII Romans.

May 12, 1864

Got up feeling very well notwithstanding my ducking. Still wet. Enemy charged a portion of our line very early, before we could see well. Succeeded. It is a raid, in getting possession of two lines of works and 8 pcs. art. The fighting was right in front of me about 300 yards. Gen. Walker of Stonewall Brigade was severely wounded in elbow. It is now (10 {?}) pouring down rain and the heaviest artillery fire of the campaign is going on. The enemy are charging our lines and both are fighting desperately despite the heavy fall of rain. It is and has been thundering & that together with the heavy fire of art & musketry makes a sublime spectacle. Fought all day. Gens. Ed Johnson⁸⁰ and G. H. Stuart⁸¹ were captured. No gens. in that div. at all. We repulsed the enemy all along the lines. Took four stands of colors. Pendleton had a horse killed under him. Read XXII Chapter Acts. Gen. Perrin⁸² {sic} was killed. Gen. Daniels⁸³ wounded. Gen. Johnson and a great many of our prisoners are reported to have been captured by (Gens) Ramseur and Wright⁸⁴.

May 13

We are still near Spottsylvania Ct.H. Rained most all of last night. Skirmishing going on all night. The day has been occupied with maneuvering. Very little fighting done. Rained a good deal. Camped in the woods about a mile and a half from the place where Gen. Ewell had his Hdqrs. on the 9th. Gen. J.E.B. Stuart is said to be slightly wounded. Enemy have possession of 18 pieces of our art. - Went to Gen. Lee's Hdq. about dark to tell Kuykendall to be ready to start with us by daytime. Capt. W. intends to run a line to Guinea Sta. No truth in report of Johnson's being recaptured.

May 14

Got up about day & prepared to march with Capt. W. to establish a sig. line. Got off about 8 AM and went down to our pickets near the Gale house⁸⁵ to establish a station. We fixed the Sta. and left Bestin⁸⁶ and S. Wilbourne⁸⁷ there but they were soon run off by the Yanks. Our cav. & that of the enemy skirmishing a little, near the front & ours gave way—Went from there to a house about a mile off & thence to Crutchfield's⁸⁸, from there to Goodwin's⁸⁹ & then to Holliday's⁹⁰, then Capt. and B. Wynn⁹¹ & Bestin, and Kuykendall had gone off to hunt a position for a station. Failed to fix the line. Returned and grazed our horses in McKenna's⁹² field & then went to the church 3/4 mile from the CH. Had a little skirmish with the enemy near the church. Rained very hard a short time this evening. The enemy concentrating on our right.

May 15

Got up right early in order to go with Capt. W. to fix line to Guinea. (Station) Found the enemy had possessin (sic) of our first post & consequently have to abandon the expedition. Gen. Stuart was certainly killed. The Yanks Major Gen. Guli ? was captured by a part of Stuart's Sig Corps last week. He was wounded and died in our hands. We still in our cold camp 3/4 ml from McKenna house. Read XIII and XIV Chapt. Romans. Rained a good deal during day.

Monday, May 16

Still in our old camp. We are now grazing near Crutchfield's house. We are extending our lines a good deal to the right. No fighting as yet (10).. Very little yesterday, only a little skirmishing. The following is a list of Gens. killed, wounded and captured.

Gen'l. Gen Longstreet, wounded
Maj. Gen. Stuart, killed
Maj. Gen. Ed Johnson, captured
Brig. Gen. J. M. Jones, killed
Brig. Gen Stafford, mort. wounded, dead

Brig. Gen. Daniels, {sic} mort. wounded, dead
Brig. Gen. H. H. Walker, wounded
Brig. Gen. J. A. Walker⁹³, wounded
Brig. Gen. Harry T. Hays, wounded
Brig. Gen. Pegram, wounded
Brig. Gen. J. W. Gordon,⁹⁵ wounded
Brig. Gen. McGowan, wounded
Brig. Gen. Perrin, killed
Brig. Gen. Jenkins, wounded
Brig. Gen. G. H. Stewart, {sic} captured
Brig. Gen. Johnston⁹⁶, wounded
Brig. Gen. Ramseur, wounded

We had beautiful weather after 12 M until about 7 P.M. when it commenced raining. It continued raining off & on all night. Read XII Chap. St. John. Some cannonading about 5 P.M.

Tuesday, 17th

Cloudy this A.M. Breckinridge⁹⁷ whipped Seigel⁹⁸ a few days ago about Newmarket & drove him below Mount Jackson. Seigel burnt the bridge. Beauregard⁹⁹ repulsed the enemy below Richmond. 3 of our Ironclads are rept. to have and ate breakfast. Heard heavy firing nears Spotts. Ch. for about 2 hours. Went to Milford & drew four days forage for our horses. Saw Dr. Hay¹⁰⁰. Left Milford about 10 1/2 & took the road to Guinea Station. Rained very hard between 12 & 1. We are now at Mr. Washington's¹⁰¹ house grazing our horses and looking around. Just heard that Ewell has captured nine pieces of the enemy's art. Started from Mr. Washington's about 2 1/2 pm & went in the direction of Fredericksburg on a scout. Capt. W., _ W. T. Wynn¹⁰² & Ben Wynn, Bestin and I composed a party. The others, viz. Sgt. Wilcox¹⁰³, Brown, Kuykendall, W. A. Eggleston¹⁰⁴, I. Bowles¹⁰⁵ passed Kline Peter's station back to camp. The two Wynns and I had supper and stayed all night at Mr. Rine's¹⁰⁶ about twelve miles from Fredericksburg. The Captain and Beston went on a little farther and spent the night in the woods. The Yanks burnt Guinea Sta. about 5 PM.

Thursday, May 19

Got up pretty early & grazed my horse. Ate breakfast & as soon as we had finished the Capt & Bestin came up & we started forward on our expedition. We first went to Dr. Washington's & from there to Mr. Conway's¹⁰⁷ where we had a very fine view of Fred. & the enemy's tremendous train of wagons. The enemy's cavalry were on each side of us and we had to move very cautiously. We left Mr. Conway's about 10 PM and went to Liberty Church. From Liberty Ch. we took a very circuitous route & reached Mr. White's flour mil¹⁰⁸ from Guinea about 1. We took dinner and grazed our horses about an hr. We went to Guinea and from there to Mr. Gatewood's¹⁰⁹ where we stayed some time waiting for Mr. G. He didn't come however and we had to look out for other qrs. We went about a mile the other side of the North Anna. Brown & Cuykendall stayed with us.

May 20

Left Dr. Hancock's¹¹⁰ about 8 A.M. and reached camp about 9 1/2. Found our wagons had Ewell attempted a flank move on Thursday and succeeded in capturing some wagons but was compelled to leave them. Hero's¹¹¹ back is very sore. En. (enemy) charged Ewell's line on Wednesday but were easily repulsed..

Saturday 21.

Commenced moving very early & marched all day until 12 at night. The troops halted at eleven. The Sig. Corps were made to act as couriers. W. G. Eggleston and I were excused. Buck¹¹² being sick and my horse's back very sore. Sidney Wilbourne was sent to Dr. McGuire,¹¹³ and has not returned. It is said we are making for Hanover Junction & from there if we don't confront the enemy will march to Richmond where he is said to be making for. The enemy's cavalry was at Milford at 11. Followed Gen. Ewell all day after 11 and found the wagons camped in an old field between 12 and 15 miles

from the Junction. Gen. Lee was camped very near.

Sunday May 22

Arrived here at Hanover Junction about 12 M. Camp within 200 yards of Junction. Gen. Breckenridge hdq (headquarters) is here. We expect to form a line of battle on the North Anna. Brown and Kuykendall stayed with us.

May 23, 1864, Hanover Junction

Went to the cars & saw the cadets. Saw Travers¹¹⁴, Reuben¹¹⁵, Dick¹¹⁶ & Erskine Ross¹¹⁷ & Dr. McChesney¹¹⁸. The cadets left for Richmond & Travers with them. Reuben came to see me at my quarters and took dinner. Wrote to Ma¹¹⁹. The enemy commenced crossing the North Anna at Jericho Ford. Hill's Corps is in their immediate front at that point.

May 24th

Moved camp very early this morning across Little River about 2 1/2 miles from the Junction. W. Eggleston, Beston, Sidney Wilbourne & I got breakfast. Bowles, Eggleston & I remained with wagons all day. Eggleston being very unwell with dysentery and I with diarrhea and my horse has a very sore back. We moved our wagons back to this side to Taylorsville near Gen. Lee's Hd Qrs. about dark. Rained very hard for a short time in the evening, also a little at night. Very heavy skirmishing with both inf. and art. during the day. Read XII Ch. Romans.

May 25, 1864

Some skirmishing during the day. The day was very pretty up to 5 when it clouded up & we had a pretty heavy shower & a perfect hurricane. Grazed my horse near the station at the Mallory¹²⁰ house.

May 26, 1864

Still in camp 1 ml. from Taylorsville. Rained hard until 9 o'clock when the sun came out and we had a beautiful day until about 5 PM when it began to rain. Grazed my horse 3 or 4 hours near Mallory house. Capt. Eggleston¹²¹ & I are sick. Very little fighting today. Read IV and V Chapt I Cor. Heard Wilmer & Mr. Mallory's daughter sing and play on piano.

Thursday, May 26

Still in old camp. Rained a little during the day. May 27, '64 - Left camp early to run a line from the Mallory house to Winston's¹²² house. The Capt. was too unwell to go out with us & Sgt Beston was in charge of the corps. We got the posts fixed but were unable to do anything as the enemy commenced moving to our right very early in the morning and we had to follow suit. Gen. Early commands the corps as Gen. Ewell is sick. 2nd Corps move down on the Central R.R. Kuykendall, Brown, S. Wilbourne, Eggleston & I left post about 12 M & followed in with the corps. We got in the Winston house where B. & Buck Wynn & Bowles had their sta. & grazed horses a while. All of the party but Bowles, 2 Wynns & I left about 1 1/2 and we waited until half after 2. When we started for the wagons we passed Rodes Div. & then took a road which led into the telegraph road. We found that our wagons were not on that road but were following behind the corps. Went to Ashland but could hear nothing of them. After a great deal of difficulty we found the wagons about 9 PM near Hugh's¹²³ shop.

May 28, 1864

Got up at 2 1/2 & left camp about 5. Walked about 3 miles. Arrived Mechanicsville between 11 & 12. Read IV Ch 1st Cor. Hampton's¹²⁴ cav. had a desperate fight with the en.'s cav which they repulsed handsomely. The 5th Army corps was then brought up and the cavalry fought them dismounted with their pickets and carbines. Gen. Hampton asked Gen. Early to send him 1 brig. which Early refused to do. All of us slept in a very nice room opposite to the house Gen. Stuart had his wound dressed in. Rained some during the day. All quiet except for cav. fight.

May 29, 1864

Got about 6 & ate breakfast of cold bread and water. Read 1st and 2nd Chs. Heb. Brown is very unwell with dysentery and is now with me in camp. Robert went after our extra meat and some strawberries but failed to get either as he went to sleep on the road. Went to the city in the evening with Gibson¹²⁵ and met Bowles on the way. Bowles turned back with us. B & I went to his brother-in-law's, Mr. Elliott¹²⁶ & we left our horses there. Went to the Capitol Square and spent some time. Went to a fire between 1st and Foucee Streets which broke out about 7 PM. The house was occupied by R. H. Dribell, Esq.¹²⁷ B & I ate some cakes & he then went to his brother-in-law's and I to hear Dr. Burrows¹²⁸ preach. Dr. B's text was from XXIII Ch. Job, 3rd & 4th verses. He is a splendid reader and something of an orator but I think rather theatrical. Met Bowles at his sister's and saddled our horses. Went to the Spottswood and picked up Gibson. Reached camp about 12 & slept in the same room. All quiet along the lines.

May 30, 1864

Got up about 6. Breakfasted bread & water. Went to Howie's¹²⁹ and had my horse's shoes fixed. Wagons moved from Mechanicsville. Read Eleanor's Victory, Enquirer and Whig. (newspapers) Skirmish during the day. Pegram's brig. comm'd by Gen. Willis¹³⁰ 12th Georgia charged the enemy. The brig. suffered pretty heavily. Col. Willis was severely wounded. Col. Tyre¹³¹ {sic} wounded. Read III Heb. ate supper about 8 PM & a very hearty one at that. Had to stay with the wagons again today as Hero's back is still very sore. All the rest are well. Kuykendall, Brown & S. Wilbourne with Gen. Early.

May 31, 1864

Still in camp at Col Richardson's¹³² house. With Gen. Early most all day. His hdqrs. were part of the time at house. His corps took positions beyond Longstreet's corps last night on the left. First corps moved farther down on right. Found a great many cherries and strawberries at a Mr. T. Wade's¹³³ house which we enjoyed very much. Told an old darky near Mr. Wade's that we were Yankees & quizzed him considerably. He said, "God grant my dr. master that you may be successful in all yr. endeavors" & told us when we took a rebel we ought to cut his head right off & that it done him some good to see the rebels run from the northern gentlemen for we cd browbeat a poor Negro but when ten of our men saw one y. northern gentleman coming, we ran for dear life. We didn't undeceive him as we should have done. The cavalry had a considerable fight last night & this morning near Cold Harbor and Bethesda Church. Hoke participated today. Some skirmishing along the lines, very warm but a beautiful day.

FOOTNOTES — PHILIPS DIARY

1. Maj. Boggan. Unidentified
2. Maj. Bridgeforth. Major David B. Bridgeforth, Provost Marshall, Army of Northern Virginia
3. Col. Taylor. Lieutenant Colonel Walter B. Taylor, Assistant Adjutant General, General Robert E. Lee's staff.
4. Lt. Wilmer. Lieutenant S. Kipwith Wilmer, Signal Officer, General John B. Gordon's staff
5. Gibson's house. In Culpeper County, VA
6. Capt. W. Captain R. E. Wilbourn, Signal Officer, General Richard S. Ewell's staff
7. Capt. Wilbourne. See footnote 6.
8. Gen. Johnson. General Edward Johnson, Division Commander, Ewell's Corps
9. Unidentified
10. Capt. Thornton. Captain W. W. Thornton, Chief of Substance, General Jubal Early's staff
11. Gen. Early. General Jubal A. Early, Division Commander, Ewell's Corps
12. Gen. Ewell. General Richard S. Ewell, Commanding 2nd Corps, Army of Northern Virginia
13. Maj. Green. Major B. H. Green, Chief of Subsistence, General Ewell's staff
14. Gen. Rodes. General Robert E. Rodes. Division Commander, Ewell's Corps
15. Col. Allen. Colonel William Allen, Chief of Ordnance, General Ewell's staff
16. Gen. Lee. General Robert Edward Lee, Commanding, Army of Northern Virginia
17. Kry Kendell. Member of the Signal Corps
18. Brown. Member of the Signal Corps
19. Miss Evans. Augusta J. Evans, Author of *Macaria* and other novels
20. Gen. Stevenson. General Thomas Greeley Stevenson, Commanding Division, Burnside's Corps, Army of the Potomac. Killed at Spottsylvania Courthouse, May 1864
21. Sgt. Wynn. Member of the Signal Corps
22. Capt. Elhart. Captain Adolphus Elhart, Assistant Quartermaster and Paymaster, General
23. Gen. Burnside. General Ambrose Everett Burnside, Commanding IX Corps, Army of the Potomac
24. Kelly's Ford. On the Rappahannock River
25. Gen. Grant. General Ulysses Simpson Grant, Commanding, U. S. Army
26. Capt. Manning. Captain J. H. Manning, Signal Officer, Longstreet's staff
27. Gen. Longstreet. General James Longstreet, Commanding 1st Corps, Army of Northern Virginia
28. Klinepeter. A member of the Signal Corps
29. Gen. Hoke. General Robert F. Hoke, Commanding Division, Longstreet's Corps, detached in North Carolina
30. Gen. Stuart. General James Ewell Brown Stuart, Commanding Cavalry Corps, Army of Northern Virginia
31. Gen. A. P. Hill. General Ambrose Powell Hill, Commanding 3rd Corps, Army of Northern Virginia
32. Gen. Gordon. General John B. Gordon, Commanding Division, Ewell's Corps
33. Willis Maddens. House in Culpeper County, Va
34. Gen. Daniel. General Junius Daniel, Commanding Brigade, Rodes' Division, Ewell's Corps
35. Gen. Doles. General George P. Doles, Commanding Brigade, Rodes' Division, Ewell's Corps
36. Gen. Battles. General Cullen A. Battle Commanding Brigade, Rode's Division, Ewell's Corps
37. Gen. Long. General Armistead L. Long, Chief of Artillery, Ewell's Corps
38. Gen. F. Lee. General Fitzhugh Lee, Commanding Division, Stuart's Cavalry Corps
39. Leavel's Battery
40. Maj. Page. Major Richard Channing Moore Page, Commanding Battalion of Artillery, Ewell's Corps

41. Col. Pendleton. Lieutenant Colonel Alexander S. Pendleton, Chief of Staff, Ewell's Corps
42. Col. Corley. Colonel James L. Corley, Chief Quartermaster, General R. E. Lee's staff
43. Widow Lester. Unidentified
44. Maj. Cowles. Major William Henry Harrison Cowles, 1st North Carolina Cavalry
45. Widow Liebe. Probably Lester, see 43
46. Morton's house. "Morton Hall", the residence of the Honorable Jere Morton. General Ewell's Headquarters was located there.
47. Otway. Member of the Signal Corps
48. Robert. Possibly a servant
49. Nelson's. Possibly the Nelson (Virginia) Artillery
50. Pope. Unidentified
51. Gen. J. M. Jones. General John M. Jones, Commanding Brigade, Johnson's Division, Ewell's Corps
52. Col. Waner. Col. Edwin Tiffin Harrison Warren, 10th Virginia Infantry
53. Col. Miller. Col. John Lucas Miller, 23th South Carolina Infantry. He died of wounds the next day
54. Gen. Stafford. General Leroy A. Stafford, Commanding Brigade, John's Division, Ewell's Corps
55. Col. Randolph. Colonel William Wellford Randolph
56. Col. Brown. Colonel John Thompson Brown, Commanding Reserve Artiller, Ewell's Corps
57. Col. Jones. The only Col. Jones killed in the Wilderness was Lieutenant Colonel John Thomas Jones, 26th North Carolina Infantry
58. Gen. Pegram. General John Pegram, Commanding Brigade, Early's Division, Ewell's Corps
59. Gen. Heth. General Henry Heth, Commanding Division, A. P. Hill's Corps
60. Gen. Shafer. General Alexander Shaler, Commanding Brigade, 1st Division Army of the Potomac
61. Seymour. General Truman Seymour, Commanding Brigade, 1st Division, Army of the Potomac
62. Gen. Jenkins. General Mich Jenkins, Commanding Brigade, Field's Division, Longstreet's Corps
63. Gen. Benning. General Henry L. Benning, Commanding Brigade, Field's Division, Longstreet's Brigade
64. Gen. Anderson. General Richard H. Anderson, Commanding Division, A. P. Hill's Corps
65. Gen. Ramseau. General Stephen D. Ramser, Commanding Brigade, Rodes' Division, Ewell's Corps
66. Johnson' Brigade. General Robert D. Johnston's Brigade, Rodes' Division, Ewell's Corps
67. Col. Higginbotham. Colonel John Carleton Higginbotham
68. Col. Buckner. Colonel Thomas Roy Buckner
69. Gen. Hayes. General Harry T. Hays, Commanding Brigade, Early's Division, Ewell's Corps
70. Gen. Sedgwick.
71. Capt. Turner. Captain Thomas T. Turner, Aide-de-Camp, General Ewell's staff
72. Gen. Wilcox. General Cadmus M. Wilcox, Commanding Division, A. P. Hill's Corps
73. Gen. McGowan. General Samuel McGowan, Commandng Brigade, Wilcox's Division, A. P. Hill's Corps
74. Col. Walker. Probably Colonel Joseph Walker, Palmetto Sharpshooters of South Carolina
75. Burke. Memer of the Signal Corps
76. Kukendall. Member of the Signal Corps
77. Gen. Walker. General Henry H. Walker, Commanding Brigade, Johnson's Division, Ewell's Corps

78. Hutchinson Member of the Signal Corps
79. Montgomery Member of the Signal Corps
80. Gen. Ed Johnson See footnote 8
81. Gen. G. H. Steuart General George H. Steuart, Commanding Brigade, Johnson's Division, Ewell's Corps
82. Gen. Perrin General Abner K. Perrin, Commanding Brigade, Anderson's Division, A. P. Hill's Corps
83. Gen. Daniels See footnote 34. He died of wounds the next day
84. Gen. Wright
85. Gale house Unidentified
86. Bestin Member of the Signal Corps
87. S. Wilbourne Member of the Signal Corps
88. Crutchfield's house Unidentified
89. Goodwin's house Unidentified
90. Holliday's house Unidentified
91. B. Wynn Member of the Signal Corps
92. McKenna's house Unidentified
93. Gen. J. A. Walker General James A. Walker, Commanding the Stonewall Brigade, Johnson's Division, Ewell's Corps
94. VOIDED
95. Gen. J. W. Gordon
96. Gen. Johnston See footnote 66
97. Breckinridge General John C. Breckinridge, Commanding Confederate forces in the Banle of New Market
98. Seigal General Franz Sigel, Commanding the Department of West Virginia
99. Beuregard General Pierre G. T. Beauregard, Commanding Confederate forces around Petersburg
100. Dr. Hay Surgeon William Hay of Clarke County, VA. He died in Staunton later in the month, aged 31 years
101. Mr. Washington Unidentified
102. W. T. Wynn Member of the Signal Corps
103. Sgt. Wilcox Member of the Signal Corps
104. W.A. Eggleston Member of the Signal Corps
105. I. Bowles Member of the Signal Corps
106. Mr. Rine's Unidentified
107. Mr. Conway Unidentified
108. Mr. White's flour mill Unidentified
109. Mr. Gatewood Unidentified
110. Dr. Hancock Unidentified
111. Hero His horse
112. Buck "Buck" Wynn of the Signal Corps
113. Dr. McGuire Probably Dr. Hunter McGuire, Chief Surgeon, Ewell's Corps
114. Travers Samuel Travers Philips, his brother, b. Urbanna, MD 3/14/1847, VMI cadet wounded at New Market. Later enlisted in C.S.A. Graduate of University of Virginia, LLD 1868, Lawyer, Commonwealth's Attorney, Staunton. Died 9/28/1877. Buried Thornrose Cemetery.
115. Reuben His other brother, Reuben Triplett Phillips, b. 4/2/1845. Attended V. M. I. Served in Chew's Battery, Horse Artillery. Insurance agent in Staunton, postwar. Died in New York City after 1870.
116. Dick Unidentified.
117. Ross Erskine Mayo Ross, a V. M. I. cadet, Class of 1865
118. Dr. McChesney Either Dr. Robert Aurelius McChesney (1834-1894) or his brother? Dr. William Steele McChesney (1827-1884), both of Augusta County

119. Ma His Mother, the wife of Richard Henry Philips, former President of Virginia Female Institute, now Stuart Hall School from 1846-1861. He served as Chaplain of the 52nd Virginia Infantry and later in the Quartermaster's Department in Staunton. He was captured in Nelson County in June 1864 and sent to Camp Chase, Ohio. He served as president of the Staunton Female Academy from 1865-1880. He died in Norfolk 4/7/1890 and is buried with his wife in Thornrose Cemetery.
120. Mallory (house) On the railroad south of Hanover Junction
121. Capt. Eggleston Possibly Captain J. P. Eggleston, Chief of Subsistence, General Edward Johnson's staff
122. Winston's house On the Little River, Hanover County
123. Hugh's (shop) Probably located at Hughes Cross Roads, Hanover County
124. Hampton's (cavalry) General Wade Hampton, Commanding Division, Stuart's Cavalry Div.
125. Gibson Member of the Signal Corps
126. Mr. Elliott Unidentified
127. R. H. Dibrell Unidentified
128. Rev. Dr. Burroughs Unidentified
129. Howie's Blacksmith shop
130. Gen. Willis Colonel Edward S. Willis, 12th Georgia Infantry, while commanding Pegram's Brigade. He died of wounds on May 31, 1864.
131. Col. Tyrell Colonel James B. Terrell, 13th Virginia Infantry. Commanding Brigade, Early's Division, Ewell's Corps. He died of wounds the same day.
132. Col. Richardson's East of Mechanicsville
133. T. A. Wade house Unidentified



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